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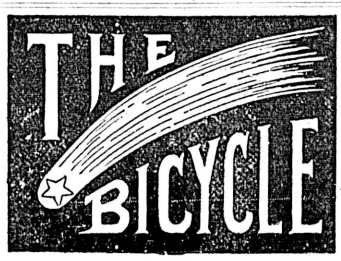

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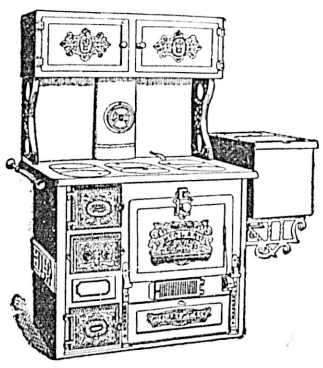

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Cleans Watches thoroughly for 75c
New Main Spring, 75c.
Balance and Pallet Staffs, $1.25.
And guarantees all work for 12 months.
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Farm For Sale.

Tenders will be received by A. J. Joule, of 45 Montreal Street, Victoria, B.C., administrator of the estate of the late U. E. Dickinson, for the purchase of the Notch Hill cattle, sporting and fishing ranch, with lake, house, furniture, buildings, live stock, etc., just as it stands. All tenders must be sent in on or before the 25th day of March next. Highest or any tender not necessarily accepted. Particulars furnished on application. A. J. JOULE, administrator of the estate of U. E. Dickinson, deceased. mr9

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

SEED! Seed! Seed!—Early Rose potatoes, Burbank seedlings and Flowerballs, true to name and variety. At Sylvester Feed Co. Ltd., City Market.

PHRENOLOGIST—Prof. Langdon gives a phrenological examination, including chart, 50c., 60c., 50c., 50c.; come and see me; parents bring the children. Dominion Hotel. Room 22; hours 3 to 9 p.m. mr23

LOST—On Cook street, near Frederick, a pet canary. A liberal reward will be given to anyone returning it to Grocery store, corner of Cook and Frederick streets. mr23

FOR SALE—Two valuable lots on Dallas Road; a bargain. Apply to Box 352, P.O.

TO LET—Furnished house, 4 rooms; very central; rent $12 to suitable party. Apply C.E., Colonist office. mr23

TO LET—Furnished house, seven rooms, rent $15 to suitable party. Apply A., Colonist office. mr21

A SOCIAL DANCE will be given by Valhalla Thursday evening, March 18, at Oliver's hall. Prizes awarded to the best amateur lady and gentleman dancer.

NOTICE—The scavenger business of the late Robert Hatcher will be carried on as heretofore at 41 Douglas street. mr21

$5—No. 1 double screened household coal—per ton of 2,000 lbs; delivered to any part of the city. Rattray & Hall, 100 Government street and 25 Store street mr13

F. ELWORTHY—Balance-sheets prepared, accounts audited, general agencies taken. Office, Board of Trade Building. au30-tf

NOTICE—Arthur Churton, Furrier. Deceased; 62 Humboldt street, Victoria. All furs left at the above address not called for within ten days will be otherwise disposed of. my7

YOUR PRESCRIPTION

May be relied upon to be what the doctor intended it should be when it is prepared by

N.W. Cor. Yates and Douglas Sts. Night Bell.) JOHN COCHRANE, CHEMIST.

NOTICE.

The Victoria Parcel Express Co. beg to announce to the public that they are now prepared to deliver parcels safely and quickly to any part of the city at the small rate of 10c. per parcel. W. SHERRIF, Manager.
mr21

AUCTION

Under instructions from Executors of the late Wm. Powell, I will sell on the premises

78 Johnson Street, Victoria.

On Thursday, March 25, at 11 o'clock.

One seed drill, 3 light buggies, 2 cutters, 5 hand trucks, spring passenger wagon, 5 sets of new buggy wheels, express wagon pole, 2 tons 5/8 bolts, carpenters' and contractors' tools, etc. Terms cash. W. T. HARDAKER, Auctioneer.

CUSTOMS SALE.

I am instructed by A. R. Milne, Esq., C.M.G., Collector of Customs, to sell by Public Auction at the Appraisers rooms, Wharf street, Victoria, on

This Day at 11 a.m.

ABANDONED AND SEIZED GOODS.

Abandoned—Order w.b., 13 c. vault lights; R. Lettice, 1 c. varnish; H. Clay, 5 c. preserves; J. Bennet, 4 pkgs. filters; C. H. Wilson, 1 boiler stand; Kerr, & Begg, 2 c. glassware; W. J. Jeffree, 1 c. dry goods; R.C. Paper Co., 28 c. merchandise, including flannel, felt, machinery, etc.; Carter Hall & Baker, 3 pkgs paper, cement; A. R. Baker, 1 c. books; A. & W. Wilson, 1 rubber hose; J. Leahy, 1 beer pump; H. Maynard, 1 piano; Okell & Morris, 1 crt. m t. cans; Hawkins Bryce, 2 p. frames; A. L. Morris, 1 c. dishwashers; Mail Pub. Co., 4 bdls. printing paper, etc.

Seized—No. 202, 2 bdls. chart; 204, 1 doz. syringes; 205, 2 incubators; 206, Chinese goods; 1 hand organ, etc.

Over two years in bond—Pacific Sealing Co., 3 bbls beef; Hip Lung, 5 c. China wine; Lee Hop, 24 c China wine; W. J. Jeffree, 1 c. dry goods; J. E. Crane & Co., 23 c. Mellor's sauce; John Bennett, 17 c. Mellor's sauce.

And sundry articles of merchandise unclaimed through Dominion, Great Northern, Northern Pacific and Well, Fargo & Co. express.

Terms Cash. W. T. HARDAKER, Auctioneer.
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NO RESERVE AUCTION

Wednesday, March 24, at 2 p.m.,

of all kinds of

Household Furniture,

Upholstered and otherwise, fine chamber sets, handsome tables, oak chairs, lounge, crockery, bedroom and parlor suites, carpets, silver plate knives, forks, spoons. A fine lot of eight-day striking clocks, new; also a lady's bicycle in perfect order. Remember the time, *2 p.m. sharp.* W. JONES, Auctioneer.

British Columbia Milling and Mining Company, Limited,

Notice is hereby given that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the shareholders of the above named Company will be held at the Company's office, No 48 Langley street, Victoria, B.C., on Thursday, 8th April, 1897, at 11 o'clock a.m., to consider, and if approved, ratify the action of the directors in the sale of the property of the said Company, and to authorize the execution of sufficient deeds of conveyance.

Dated at Victoria, B.C., this eighth day of March, 1897.

By order.
GEO. A. SARGISON, Secretary.
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SCOTTISH CONCERT

UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE

Scottish Societies of Victoria,

IN THE

VICTORIA THEATRE

—ON—

Wednesday Evening, March 24th,

AT 8 P.M.,

In Aid of Burns' Memorial Fountain Fund.

Under the direction of Mr. J. G. Brown,

TICKETS 50 CENTS.

Seats may be reserved at Jamieson's Book Store, Government Street, on payment of 25 cents extra. mr18

TO "THE OLD EMPEROR"

Impressive Ceremonies Incident to the Unveiling of the Monument at Berlin.

His Grandson and His Subjects Honor Kaiser Wilhelm's Memory.

BERLIN, March 22.—The massive monument to the memory of Emperor William, grandfather of the present Kaiser, was unveiled at 11:30 to-day, according to the programme drawn up under the personal supervision of the Emperor. The royal personages were beneath a magnificent tent erected in front of the main portal of the schloss, facing the monument. They included the Empress and ex-Empress Frederick, The Kings of Saxony and Wurtemburg, the Prince Regent of Bavaria, the Grand Buke of Baden, the Grand Duke of Hesse and others. Adjoining this tent on both sides were grandstands for the privileged spectators, who only numbered about 3,000 persons, comprising the suites of the Prince, the Chancellor and all the dignitaries of the empire, including the Bundesrath, presiding officers of the reichstag and diet, and generals and admirals, the rectors of universities, the mayors of Berlin, Potsdam, Spanda and Charlottesburg, and the honorary guests.

His Majesty occupied a position on horseback in front of the royal tent and facing the monument. When all was ready the drums and trumpets called to prayer, and a special trumpet corps sounded the hymn. "Lebe den Herrn," after which Rev. Dr. Facr, delivered a prayer, the trumpets and drums following with a grand burst of music.

The emperor then ordered the monument to be unveiled; the troops presented arms, and there was a loud cheer from all present. The massed bands played the Prussian national anthem, salute was fired from the Lustgarten, and the church bells of the city and vicinity chimed in the general rejoicing. The ceremonies ended with a choral played by a special trumpet corps and the passing of the troops.

After the passing of the troops the Emperor, the two Empresses and the German and foreign Princes walked in procession around the monument and laid wreaths upon the steps. In passing Prince Hohenlohe, the Imperial Chancellor, the two Empresses bowed graciously.

The whole affair was most impressive and was witnessed by large crowds from the windows or the balconies of the houses in the vicinity.

The Wilhelm order has been conferred on Dr. Von Boetticher, minister of the interior, and Dr. Von Stephan, secretary for posts and telegraphs, while Grand Marshall Count Von Eulenberg has been decorated by His Majesty with the order of the black eagle.

DEFENCE NOT DEFIANCE.

Britain Must Preserve Her Coaling Station in the Bermudas.

LONDON, March 22.—The House of Commons sat in committee several hours to-day on the Military Works bill. When the clause referring to fortifications in the Bermudas was under consideration, John Dillon, leader of the Irish Nationalists, said that in view of the fact that a treaty of peace and arbitration had virtually been concluded between Great Britain and the United States, he must protest against the proposal of any large expenditure upon fortifications at the very door of the United States. He would not say they were to be erected with a hostile intention, but they were at any rate intended as defences and he would advise the Uhited States to watch very carefully the erection of fortifications in the Bermudas under the circumstances.

Sir Charles Dilke replied that fortified coaling stations would be an absolute necessity to Great Britain on the American side of the Atlantic in the event of a great war. Most of England's food supplies came from America. It was improbable that the United States would ever be opposed in war to England and the use of the Bermudas as a basis of British naval operations on the American side of the Atlantic was in no sense whatever directed against the United States.

The bill was finally reported to the house without amendment.

STILL OTHERS OF THE DEAD.

Bodies of the Ville de St. Nazaure Victims Picked up at Sea—Cotton Cargo on Fire.

NEW YORK, N.Y., March 22.—The steamer Creole arrived this morning having on her passage from New Orleans picked up a boat belonging to the ill-fated French steamer Ville de St. Nazaure, with six dead bodies in it. The boat was taken on board the Creole and brought to port, and now lies on the steamer's deck awaiting orders of the French Steamship Company.

WITH FIRE BELOW DECKS.

QUEENSTOWN, March 22.—The British steamer Astronomer, Captain Whitmore, from New Orleans March 3 for Liverpool, passed Kinsale to-day and signalled that the cotton in her hold was on fire.

"Success is the reward of merit" not of assumption. Popular appreciation is what tells in the long run. For fifty years, people have been using Ayer's Sarsaparilla, and to-day it is the blood-purifier most in favor with the public. Ayer's Sarsaparilla cures.

English garden syringes at Cheapside.*

GREECE CALLS TO ARMS

Subjects of King George to Sign Militia Rolls at Once.

Russia Proposes Terms on Which Turkey May Have Her Aid.

LONDON, March 22.—The special correspondent of the Times, who arrived at Larissea yesterday, says it was only with the utmost difficulty that he could find lodgings, as the small town is filled to overflowing with 13,000 soldiers—and 14,500 more are expected. They are all keen for war, and willing to do anything they are told by the officers, but are lacking in discipline and equipment.

The general in command says that frequently serious difficulties arise on the frontier between his troops and the Turkish forces in consequence of the absence of a neutral zone. A Turkish officer and eight soldiers have been wounded by the bursting of a cannon in the Turkish camp at Elassona.

VIENNA, March 22.—The Neue Frie Presse says that Great Britain has proposed that a collision between Greek and Turkish troops on the frontier of Thessaly be prevented by the formation of a neutral zone, a mile wide between the Greek and Turkish forces, as was done in 1866.

COPENHAGEN, March 22.—The semi-official Berlingske Tidente pubiishes a dispatch from Athens, saying that an agreement has been concluded whereby Russia guarantees the integrity of the Turkish empire, in return for an island in the Mediterranean and the peninsula of Mount Athos.

ATHENS, March 22.—The government has issued an order directing all citizens of the age of 32 and upwards to inscribe their names on the militia rolls.

NEWS OF THE PROVINCE

Still Further Restrictions to Hamper the Salmon Canning Industry.

Progress of the Timber Inquiry—Cattle Losses at Chilcotin.

WESTMINSTER, March 22.—(Special)—There is a rumor on the streets that still more stringent salmon regulations are to be enforced. It is said the new regulation will not only prohibit fish traps in Canadian waters, but will prohibit the importation of fish caught in traps in American waters. The A. B. C. Packing Co. have traps on the boundary line, and nearly all the Canadian canneries have traps on the American side, so that only harm will result if the suggested regulations are put in force—for the canners will simply move to the American side.

At the timber office inquiry Saturday, W. C. Wells swore that he believed all timber cut by his employes was off his own limits. Mr. Reed deposed that some 10,000 feet of cedar was cut on the Indian reserve near Salmon arm and loaded on cars. Mr. Higginson being sworn, stated in brief that when it appeared that timber had been cut in trespass; no instructions were given as to fees. In the case of the Golden Lumber Co. he had been instructed to charge double permit dues for trespass lumber cut.

He was in the habit of estimating the value of the cut as it came from the mill. The Gennell trespass was the only one he knew of which he did not estimate, owing to an accident. He had intended to estimated it this spring, and the royality on several thousand cords of wood ($3,000) was held by him pending this examination, collected from the C. P.R.

Rev. Mr. Kaneen has finally declined to fill the pulpit vacated by Rev. H. H. Gowan at the cathedral.

A heavy loss of cattle is reported in the Chilcotin country owing to the late thaw.

WISDOM AND YOUTH.

The Latest Decision of Mr. Justice Taschereau Causes Considerable Comment.

OTTAWA, March 22.—(Special)—A great sensation was caused here to-day by the marriage of Mr. Justice Taschereau, of the Supreme Court of Canada, to Miss Marie Panet, of this city. The groom is sixty years of age and the bride but eighteen. Mr. Justice Taschereau only returned from India last week.

Goods arriving all the time; thirty-five crates of crockery, etc., and forty pieces of linoleum, oilcloth and cork carpet direct from England. Weiler Bros., the largest house furnishers in she Province. x

Send your carpets to Weiler Bros. when you want them thoroughly beaten.

Inlaid linoleum, cork carpet, oilcloths per ss. Dum Boyne; new patterns and colorings. Weiler Bros. x

Will be found an excellent remedy for sick headache. Carter's Little Liver Pills. Thousands of letters from people who have used them prove this fact. Try them.

Stub's Vegetable Blood Purifier—local testimonials. x

THE FINEST AFLOAT.

Peterson, Tait & Co. Will Supply Canada's Fast Atlantic Fleet,

Under an Arrangement Especially Favorable to the Entire Dominion.

OTTAWA, March 22.—(Special)—Although the ministers are reticient on the point, there is little doubt about the government having entered into a provisional agreement with Mr. W. Peterson, of Newcastle-on-Tyne, by which an opportunity is given to the firm represented by this gentleman to organize a fast Atlantic steamship service.

It is claimed this service will be quite equal to that for which the late government were prepared to close with the Allans last year. The reason the Allans have been dumped was because Peterson & Co. are prepared to take a less subsidy than was agreed upon with the Canadian firms.

MONTREAL, March 22—The report that the Dominion government has concluded a contract with the English firm of Peterson, Tait & Co., of Newcastle, for a Canadian fast Atlantic line of steamers, is to-day confirmed by sources which seem to be official.

The boats, it is stated, will be equal to anything now entering New York, and in some respects will even surpass many of the present Atlantic liners. They will run from Quebec to Liverpool in summer, and from Halifax in winter, making the latter trip in about four and a half days.

The steamships are to be of the highest class, capable of steaming at least 22 knots an hour on the trial trip, and to make 20 to 21 knots at sea. The passenger accommodation is to be equal to anything at present on the Atlantic lines, whilst there will be ample capacity for ordinary freight and very large provision for cold storage.

FITZPATRICK IS FAITHFUL.

Will Abide By the Delegate's Decision.

MONTREAL, March 22.—(Special)—Solicitor-General Fitzpatrick, addressing a meeting of his constituents at Loretto to-day, declared himself in favor of separate schools. He was prepared to abide by the decision of the representative of the head of the church who was coming to Canada, he said, even if was against Laurier.

TORONTO, March 22.—(Special)—Over twenty of Toronto's leading wholesale merchants have signed a letter to Hon. A. S. Hardy, asking that $5,000 per mile for 150 miles, be granted the Ontario & Rainy River Railway.

MONTREAL, March 22.—(Special)—Hon. Mr. Beaubien, commissioner of agriculture in the Flynn cabinet, has accepted the Conservative candidature for Beauharnois.

OTTAWA, March 22.—(Special)—The Colchester nomination is announced for April 13, and polling for the 20th.

THEIR OWN WORST ENEMIES

Natives of Stricken India Resist Sanitary Measures in Their Behalf.

BOMBAY, March 22.—There is strong opposition to the segregation measures in the native towns. A large crowd yesterday attacked and smashed a van conveying patients to the hospital; the police suppressed the disorder, but the scare was renewed by the natives who are desperate.

One native made an attempt to kill the auditor of the South India railway by striking him on the neck with an axe. The native afterwards committed suicide.

A strong Mohammedan deputation has waited upon the authorities and begged them to revoke the segregation so far as the Mohammedans are concerned. The authorities, however, have declined to do so on the ground they could not suspend the measure in favor of one community.

According to the official statement just issued, the total number of deaths in this city from bubonic plague for the week ending March 19, was 1,240. At Kurrache, the principle sea port town of Sinde, the number of deaths for the same period was 202. The plague is now firmly established at Hyderabad and at Sukkur. It was carried to both towns probably by travellers.

STARVING SETTLERS.

Galacian Immigrants in Distressing Need—Check Raising at the Magic City.

WINNIPEG, Man., March 22.—(Special)—A Calgary dispatch says that the Galacian settlers sent north to Edmonton recently from Winnipeg are starving. They have no food and no money, and are absolutely dependent on the charity of their neighbors in the North for subsistence.

OTTAWA, March 22.—(Special)—The city council of Bristol, England, has nominated two of its members to attend the Cabot celebration in Halifax next June.

ROSSLAND, March 22.—(Special)—An Italian employed at the smelter here was arrested yesterday for forgery; he raised his ticket from $18 to $88.

Lawn mowers and rubber hose at the Cheapside. *

If sick headache is misery, what are Carter's Little Liver Pills if they will positively cure it? People who have used them speak frankly of their worth. They are small and easy to take

PUBLIC OPINION.

Danish Colonists Express a Favorable Opinion of Victoria and Victorians.

Assistance for the Farmers a Great Necessity of the Hour.

To THE EDITOR:—I have read with interest various letters on this subject in late issues of your paper, and there is still a great deal that might be written. We are told repeatedly that "agriculture is the backbone of a country." If it be true, I fear we are in danger of having a very weak backbone, and where the back is weak the whole body suffers.

It is a well known fact that the farmers of this province have been struggling under difficulties, nor can we say that these difficulties are in the main caused by any fault in themselves.

If we go back to the beginning, we find that the trouble commenced with the borrowing of capital to clear and stock the farm, and this at a high rate of interest, seldom less than eight per cent, often more, which has to be paid "come what will."

The consequence is year after year we see the farmer "working out" to raise the required sum, to the detriment of his own farm. It is all very well for those who have money to lend at eight or ten per cent., or who are agents for the same, to stand out against the proproposed "cheap rate of money to help the farmers" and to talk learnedly about what has possibly been the case in England, Scotland and elsewhere, "by the way," these countries do not appear to have suffered greatly through the farmers in the past having failed in meeting their dues!

As to a "borrowing government" not affording to become a "lending one" seems to me to poor policy when the "back-bone" of the country is at stake. Nor does it follow that the government would have a number of "encumbered and unsaleable farms on its hands."

On the contrary I believe with the help that is looked for, we should soon see a marvellous change for the better.

I tell you, sir, we are at a crisis, and it must be met—something must be done to ease the burden that is weighing the farmer down. He has lost heart; the struggle has lasted too long; he sees nothing before him but the mortgage foreclosed and his family homeless. Ah! there is one hope, shall he go to the mines? Leave his farm, to swell the ranks at the mining camp?

It is said that "$300,000 are being sent out of this province for farm produce!" Only think of it! What might our country not become with that sum spent at home? Where is the great difficulty in the government borrowing money to help the farming industry and put it on a better footing? Such a measure would benefit the whole province. "Governments are justified in making expenditures when the return to the country is assured." In this case there can be no doubt. What will be the good of our mines if we have to send away our gold to buy food? PROGRESS.

To THE EDITOR:—If you will give us space in your valuable paper, before leaving we wish to thank the citizens of Victoria and in particular Mr. Stephen Jones of the Dominion hotel for the kindness shown the members of the Cape Scott Danish colony during their stay here.

From every quarter we have received encouragement, and found the officers of the government untiring in their efforts to give us all the help and information in their power.

We feel deeply indebted to the Valhalla society and our countrymen who so loyally received us Thursday evening, as well as to Captain Christensen, who hospitably entertained the entire party last night.

R. HANSEN,
On behalf of the colony.
Victoria, March 20, 1897.

To THE EDITOR:—The interesting editorial in Sunday's COLONIST on "The Golden Age" leads me to suggest that your many readers might like to follow up the subject by studying that charming little trio of books by Edward Clodd, F.R.A.S., viz., "The Childhood of the World," "The Childhood of Religions" and "The Birth and Growth of Myth."
March 21. READER.

DEATH RODE UPON THE CLOUD.

Calhoun County, Georgia, the Scene of a Strange and Terrible Fatality.

ATLANTA, Ga., March 22.—News of an awful disaster reached here this afternoon from Arlington, Calhoun county, this state. A terrible cyclone struck the village at an early hour this morning, and the public building, a frame structure about twenty by sixty feet, was blown to atoms by the death-dealing clouds, which is reported to have been no large than a bed blanket.

In the building about 30 pupils and two teachers had assembled, and 12 of the children were instantly killed. Their bodies were fearfully mangled and part of the members were mixed up with the torn remains. Twelve children, some of them older than those killed, were badly injured and are dying—one has since died. Two of the teachers were also hurt badly and are thought to be dying at this hour.

A strange thing about the freakish wind was that it struck no other building with unusual force. The cyclone struck the town at about 8:30 a.m., and came from the northwest, blowing up all of a sudden.

RECEIVED THE PAPAL BLESSING

Sailors of the "San Francisco" Receive the Good Wishes of His Holiness.

ROME, March 22.—A detachment of 100 sailors belonging to the cruiser San Francisco, flagship of the United States squadron in European waters, arrived here to-day from Naples and attended the Pope's mass. They were accompanied by the rector of the American college. After mass the Pope passed through the ranks of the sailors, blessed them, and assurred them that he was much touched by their homage.

BEECHAM'S PILLS—No equal for Constipation.

HEARD IN THE HOTELS.

Eastern Merchants Looking to British Columbia to Help Them Out—Dividends in Demand.

"Business may not be in very good shape in British Columbia, but things are far worse in the East," remarked J. F. Claxton just arrived from Montreal and Toronto yesterday. "Why, one wholesaler told me that they were looking to our province to help them out this year. Businis is, and has been, bad for months, owing very largely to the uncertainty as to tariff matters. First, the fact that the Laurier government had made tariff reform a plank in their platform, and secondly, the election of McKinley as president, have made the business outlook pretty blue. There is a feeling of insecurity that is hampering trade, and until the exact nature of the changes in the Dominion tariff is known merchants do not look for any better times.

"But one thing strikes you very forcibly in talking with business men in the East, and that is they are beginning to recognize the possibilities of British Columbia as a field for investment and as a market for all kinds of their goods. The woollen mills seem to be particularly hard hit, as a number of them have been compelled to assign, and the big failure of the McMasters in Toronto shows that even some of the largest houses are unable to stand the strain. This latter business was supposed to have had a surplus of over half a million a few years ago and yet the creditors are not likely to get over 70c. on the dollar. In fact, all the wholesalers state that they have lost money during the past few years, and that the uncertain trade at present makes matters still worse. A gentleman in Montreal told me that they had passed through some pretty hard times, but he had never known things to look so gloomy as they do at present.

"Interest in our own mines is still keen, but owing to the number of stocks offering very few sales are taking place. Easterners are beginning to look for dividends and even the War Eagle stock after the Gooderham syndicated had assumed control has gone back a peg or two, and is now sold at about par. This is a result of profit taking—those who got in on the ground floor unloaded large blocks as soon as there was a good profit in sight. And so with other stocks—people are looking for dividends."

T. H. Prossor returned Saturday from a visit to the Kootenay cities and reports exceedingly rough weather. At Rossland Mr. Prossor accepted on behalf of the company the new machinery for the Palo Alto, and saw the work of installation well under way. It is expected that by this time the machinery is in operation. Two gangs of men have been employed and it is the intention to push development work night and day. The showing in the shaft continues to be all that could be desired. Both the Palo Alto and the Nest Egg are most favorably commented on by everybody who expressed an opinion on the matter. A gang of men are at work on the Nest Egg. There are a large number of idle men in all the Kootenay towns, but it is stated that good, practical miners are still comparatively scarce and can get ready employment at $3.50 per day. The class of men as a rule who are out of work are those who, although willing to turn their hand to anything, have no practical knowledge of mining. Both Slocan and Kaslo are "full up;" at the latter place Mr. Prossor had difficulty in getting a bed, every room at the hotels being occupied.

Sergeant Elliott of the Fiji Island police is at present staying at the Dominion, being on a pleasure trip which will probably include a tour of the coast cities. The trip from Fiji was made in a sailing vessel to Port Townsend, from which point Sergeant Elliott came over to Victoria. The islands, which are on the route of the Australian lines—Suva, the capital, being a point of call—support a population of about 82,000, of which, however, only 4,000 are whites, the majority of the inhabitants of the colony being natives, who not so very long ago were classed as the greatest cannibals of the Pacific. The police force of Lambossa, of which Officer Elliott is a member, consists of twenty native patrolmen, over whom are six white officials. The principal offenders against law and order are the East Indians, of whom there are nearly 12,000 on the islands.

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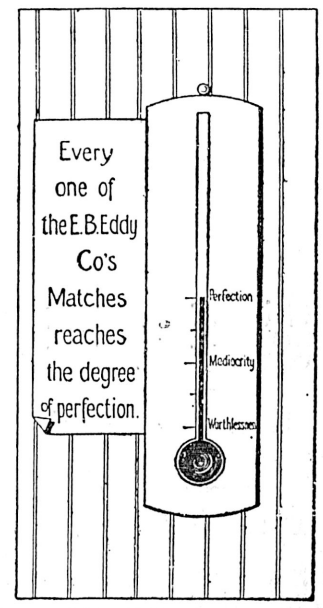

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As Mr. Carlyle has adopted the sensible plan of issuing bulletins as promptly as possible after the information has been gathered, instead of only making a yearly statement, this present report, while it contains much that is new, also has the bul'etins already issued to the public some months ago on Alberni, Trail Creek, Slocan, Nelson and Ainsworth districts, and the short comparative statement issued a few weeks ago on the mineral production of British Columbia, which was $7,146,425 for 1896, against $5,655,302 for the previous year.

It is pointed out that the organization of the bureau of mines—begun under authority of the legislature in January, 1896, by Mr. W. A. Carlyle, M. E., provincial mineralogist, and Mr. Herbert Carmichael, assayer and chemist—cannot be perfected until the completion of the quarters in the new government buildings. A good deal has been done, but much remains in order to carry out the aims of the bureau, which includes gathering full information of all the mines in the province, the giving of hints as to the best methods of treating ores, the maintenance of student laboratories for instruction in assaying, blowpiping, mineralogy, geology, etc., the arrangement of a systematic mineralogical and geological display; the equipment of a plant for testing metallurgically the different kinds of ore, coke, etc., and the collection of a reference library appertaining to the mining industry.

Valuable collections of specimens were made during the year, and in connection with the work of the assay office Mr. Herbert Carmichael's zeal and efficiency are referred to. It may be mentioned that a number of excellent photographs of the smelters, hydraulic mines, and mining scenes illustrate the report and add to its attractiveness. There is also a small may of the province showing the principal places and avenues of communication brought up to date.

Mr. John Bowron, in submitting his twenty-second annual report on Cariboo, points out that both quartz and placer mining have received more than the usual attention during 1896. The comparatively light increase in the output of hydraulic claims was due to the season being the driest on record, with a consequent decrease of water pressure. In predicting unusual activity in the development of placer mining this year Mr. Bowron refers to the various properties already in operation and in process of development. The Waverly claims on Grouse creek paid their first dividend last season of $1 a share; an English syndicate have purchased a group of hydraulic claims on the Fraser, below the mouth of Cottonwood creek, and are building a ditch fifteen miles long so as to get their hydraulic plant ready in the early spring; and a number of strong syndicates have been formed to operate claims on Lightning, Williams, Slough, Antler and Cunningham creeks. Some 250 leases have been applied for during the season and some very promising finds have been made. At Pleasant Valley creek from ground 25 feet square and 15 to 20 feet deep $1,000 was obtained. At Big valley dirt running $2 to the pan was obtained, and on Bear river is reported a find of $4 to the shovel. Reference is also made to the river dredging and to quartz mining, Mr. Bowron stating:

"Very much interest has been engendered in our quartz mines during the season, presumably in consequence of the proof that our ores are adapted to the cyanide process of treatment, which Mr. Marsh claims that he has demonstrated beyond question. Be this as it may, never before has so much confidence been manifested in our ledges as is evidenced in the unusual large number of locations made."

In his report of the Keithley division of Cariboo, Mr. W. Stephenson, mining recorder, refers to the various mines, among them the Cariboo Hydraulic Co.'s lease which turned out $127,000 for the season.

Mr. James Porter, gold commissioner for Cassiar, says:

"There is plenty of quartz known to exist here, and I do not see why some of it should not be sufficiently rich to pay. So far but little attention has been paid to this place, and I honestly believe that if prospecting was turned in this direction that something of importance would be discovered. Some good openings are also here for hydraulic mining, and it is my honest opinion that if some attention was paid to this sort of mining that it would prove to be a good investment."

Mr. Carlyle himself makes a report on East Kootenay, the result of a short trip there last season. He says:

"A short examination was made of those parts in East Kootenay where mining was being actively carried on, but with the exception of mines such as the North Star, Moyie Lake mines, and the placer mines on Wild Horse creek, little work other than assessment work was being done. However, in the southern part of Fort Steele district the prospectors were very busy during the past season, both in the Selkirks and Rocky Mountain ranges, and a large number of claims were staked off in close vicinity to the North Star mine and on the St. Mary's river, Bull river, Perry creek, and their tributaries. The construction of the Crow's Nest Pass railway, which now seems to be an assured fact, will certainly stimulate far greater activity, for there is no doubt whatever but that this part of the province should be thoroughly explored as means of ingress and egress improve, as already some valuable properties have been discovered and developed, and many locations have been made, which work will greatly enhance in value and importance. Hitherto means of communication have been such that considerable time had to be consumed in reaching any part, and prospectors and mining men have been attracted to other parts more easy of access, but with a more extended steamboat service on the rivers, new roads and trails, and with keener interest aroused by the progress of mining in other parts of Kootenay, the division of East Kootenay is on the eve of receiving much greater interest, with every probability that her latent resources will prove very valuable."

Attention is directed to the valuable coal-fields which would be available for coke if the Crow's Nest Pass railway were built. The increased interest in mining in East Kootenay is shown by the following figures:

Free miners' certificates for 1896, 537, an increase of 33 per cent. during the year.

Value of mineral output, $154,427, an increase of 779 per cent. over the year before.

In the report on the Revelstoke, Illicillewaet, Trout Lake and Lardeau districts, which were not touched on the previous bulletins on West Kootenay, the various mines are referred to, showing that a lively increase has been made in mining progress during 1896.

Reference is also made to the great excitement in Lillooet consequent upon the location of rich gold-bearing mines on Cayoosh creek, where the Golden Eagle is situated.

Of Nanaimo district, Marshal Bray, gold commissioner, reported that 303 mineral claims were recorded during the year, and 367 free miners certificates issued. The Van Anda, Victoria, Raven, Silver Tip, Lorindale and Nutcracker on Texada island, are mentioned, and other claims on Thurlow, Valdez and Channe islands, and the satisfactory progress made referred to.

Of Victoria districts, Mr. W. S. Gore reports:

"This is the first report of the kind that I have had the pleasure of presenting. Heretofore there have been but very few mining locations made on the coast, and the claims which had been recorded were not prospected with any very satisfactory results; it is therefore gratifying to note the comparative magnitude and importance of the past year's transactions. I have also appended a complete detailed list of all the crown grants for mineral claims which have been issued by the government up to the date of this report, which will be a matter of public interest and convenience, as will also be the list of gold commissioners and mining recorders, which is annexed:

Free miner's certificates issued	690
Mineral claims recorded	342
Placer claims recorded	25
Certificates of work	60
Certificates of improvement	1
Grants of water right	13
Placer leases	22
Conveyances	83

REVENUE DERIVED.

Free miner's licences	$3,460 00
Mining receipts generally	3,117 10
Total	$6,577 10

"The mineral claims above referred to are situated principally in the vicinity of Phillips Arm and Loughborough Inlet, and at various other points on the coast of the Mainland, also ot the southern portion of Vancouver island, and consist chiefly of gold, silver and copper, in combination of varying proportions. Nearly all of the mining locations in Victoria district are easy of access by water, and the prospects for successful mining at these places during the ensuing season are bright."

For Westminster district the report reads:

"Heretofore this has not been regarded as a mining district of any importance, and the number of claims taken up has been small. Notwithstanding the transfer of Texada island from this to the Nanaimo district, the number of claims recorded at the office of Mr. Robson, mining recorder, during the past year, has been beyond precedent, and the other business in connection with the office has correspondingly increased, as will appear from the following comparative statement:

	1895.	1896.
Free miner's certificates issued	468	1,150
Mineral claims recorded	182	518
Certificates of work issued	12	37

Conveyances, from 1889 to 1896, 81; during 1896, 81.

"As a majority of those claims have been located during the latter part of the year, very little development work has been done yet, and one cannot speak with any certainty respecting the actual value of these mining properties. Generally the rock is low grade, but reports of assays in several cases have been very encouraging; some of the claims located on Harrison lake having shown over $200 in gold to the ton. The mineral locations are spread over a large area, including Harrison lake and river, Glacier lake, Mission, Chilliwack, Sumas, Stave lake, Pitt lake, Burrard Inlet, Howe Sound, Squamish river, Malaspina strait, Jarvis inlet, Powell lake, and elsewhere adjacent to the Straits of Georgia and Fraser River. The amount of prospecting done during the summer has been very large, and there is every reason for expecting that a considerable amount of development work will be done during the coming summer.

"For some time negotiations have been going on looking to the establishment of a smelter and refinery at Vancouver or New Westminster, but no definite arrangement has yet been concluded. Such an establishment would greatly tend to stimulate the development of local mines, as it would probably reduce the cost of treating the ores. A large proportion of the claims located in this district are adjacent to navigable waters, and the ore could be laid down at very small cost, either in Burrard Inlet or Fraser river; and if a smelter were in operation at either of these points, the low grade ores could be worked at a profit. The mining outlook in this division for 1897 is very hopeful."

In the Yale district report reference is made to the different camps, and Coal hill is pointed at as destined to be probably one of the principal mining camps of the province. Camp McKinney and Boundary Creek are dealt with, and the report of Mr. S. S. Fowler, of Nelson, states that ample and well directed mining capital is certain to meet with its just reward.

COAL MINES.

The report of Mr. S. Dick, inspector of mines, gives the output as:

	Tons.
The Nanaimo Colliery	320,575
The Wellington Colliery	339,896
The Union Colliery	233,610
The West Wellington Colliery	800
Total output for the year 1896	894,882

The export in 1896 was 634,237 tons.

Attention is directed to the growing market for coke in the province, due to mining development, and Mr. Dick says that the Union colleries can supply all the coke required in British Columbia with a first class article equal to any imported. "Now that the owners of the Union colliery at Comox, B.C., have begun the manufacture of coke on a large scale, having now 100 ovens from which they are turning out a first class article, they have begun to make regular shipments to California, where it finds a ready sale. These shipments of coke, it is expected, will lead to a decrease in the importations to California from other countries. These ovens will also supply the Kootenay district, where there is a good demand for coke of such high quality for the smelters. A market for a limited quantity will also be found in Vancouver and Victoria."

The hands employed in the various collieries for 1896 were: West Wellington, 15; Nanaimo colliery, 981; Wellington colliery, 959; and Union colliery, 798.

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W. A. Carlyle, Provincial Mineralogist in his report of the Slocan District, referres to the Argo: "Ore was found during the past summer, and on the surface in one place the vein was cleaned off for 10 to 12 feet, showing a maximum width of three to four feet of solid ore."

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The proposed duty on coal provided in the Dingley tariff bill now before the United States congress, 75 cents a ton, is likely to evoke considerable opposition. Interviewed on this subject last week, Finance Minister Fielding said:

The policy of the present Canadian government has been toward a reduction of the duty, rather than toward an increase. We still desire to move in that direction, unless events on the other side of the line make it impossible for us to do so. We recognize the fact that where our policy touches our trade relations with our neighbors to the south, it may have to be, to a considerable extent, influenced by their disposition toward us. The present Canadian duty is considerably higher than the American duty. That fact has already been used to our disadvantage at Washington. This has been advanced as a reason why the American duty should be raised. We are disposed to proceed on the line of reduction if our neighbors are willing to do what is fair. If this be clearly understood, and if those in the United States who are interested in holding their Canadian market for coal bestir themselves, the increase of the American duty which you regard as likely to occur may not be made. If, however, your view is correct, and it turns out that the United States duty is raised to a high figure, then we shall claim and exercise the right to revise our views respecting the Canadian duty, and we shall feel bound to impose a duty, not only on bituminous coal, but also on anthracite coal, which at present comes into our market from the United States free of duty. We should much prefer, however, to move in the other direction, and we shall still hope that nothing may occur at Washington to prevent our carrying out our desires.

The New York Times wants to know what the coal mine owners of Ohio and Pennsylvania think of this. Their only foreign market is Canada and if they are to be shut out of this, they will lose the sale of nearly $10,000,000 of coal a year. The export of American coal to Canada in 1896 was, according to the Times, valued at $9,281,757. The New York paper says that the only coal interest demanding a duty in the Canadian product is one on Western Virginia; but this is hardly correct. The coal mine owners of the State of Washington also want the McKinley duty restored. They profess to believe that it is the lack of a higher duty which prevents them from supplying the California market, when every one in the trade knows the real reason to be that their coal is of inferior quality. The Times thinks that Canada holds the whip hand in this coal business and will not be to blame if she makes the United States feel the lash. It is a poor sort of business for two countries to be engaged in, but if that is the sort of reciprocity our neighbors want it would be a pity not to accommodate them.

SALISBURY'S CRETAN POLICY.

A great deal of impatience is manifested in some quarters over the action of the British government in regard to Crete, but it is not well founded. As has been pointed out, Salisbury's policy is to avoid a rupture of the peace. He does not fail to appreciate the natural desires of the Greeks and Cretans; he probably understands as well as anyone else how the Christian subjects of the Sultan may chafe under Mohammedan rule; but he must weigh the consequences of every line of policy as best he can—he must, if he is able, so shape the course of events as to do the greatest good to the greatest number. It may be, and doubtless is, a grievous thing for 50,000 or so Cretans, who call themselves Christians, to be subject to the tyranny of rulers, alien in blood and religion; but as between a peaceful, though prolonged, method of affording relief, and an instant appeal to the arbitrament of the sword, there can hardly be any question. If the whole Cretan population, Moslems included, should be exterminated at one blow, the loss of life would not be much greater than would occur in a single campaign between the great European powers. If a battleship should be sunk in a sea fight, the sacrifice would be greater, the suffering and bereavement resulting would be more widespread than would result from a dozen Cretan massacres. If a general European war should break out the interruption to business would create incalculable distress the world over. It may be said that this is not the language of heroic statesmanship, and perhaps it is not; but it is the language of practical, every day common sense. It is an easy thing to grow heroic over somebody else's duty to take the responsibility of precipitating a European war; it is another thing to assume that responsibility.

In view of the great uncertainty as to the result of a general European war, of the certain great loss of life and waste of property which it would entail and of its immediate and far-reaching effects upon business, Lord Salisbury's efforts to preserve the peace, while they may expose him to the cheap criticism of irresponsible persons, are deserving of the warmest approval. Not to go further afield than our own Province, we can see abundant reasons why, from our own point of view, it is desirable that the peace should be maintained. We are looking anxiously to London for money to develop our great resources. War will tighten the money market instantly, even if Great Britain is not in it. Referring to the proposed tariff changes in the United States, a leading English financial journal said recently that it was to be hoped they would not be very radical, for the only other menace to a general revival of prosperity was the prospect of war over Crete, and this it believed could be avoided. Some people are under the delusion that war makes good times. It does in so far as it stimulates a demand for provisions, but this benefit is more than counterbalanced by the set back given to all enterprises, except those directly bearing upon the conduct of hostilities. Therefore we hope that Salisbury's policy will be successful and that the powers will be able to discover some means of solving the Cretan question other than by a resort to arms.

ATHLETIC AMALGAMATION.

A movement is on foot in Victoria to bring about an amalgamation of all the athletic organizations in the city into one general club, which shall have a fine club house, with gymnasium and other things incidental thereto. This general club would have different departments under the control of committees, but instead of there being a cricket club, a lacrosse club, a boating club, a tennis club, a bicycle club, and so on, there would be a Victoria Athletic Club with departments devoted to the several sports. This club would have its own colors, and when representative teams were selected to meet strangers here or to go abroad, they would have all the athletes of the city behind them, which it is thought would give them a better standing, and ensure cheaper and more satisfactory management.

In most cities where athletic sports are popular the amalgamation idea has prevailed with excellent results. To go no further away than Seattle, we find that city now prominent in athletics, although before the organization of the S. A. C. it was hardly known in this field. Victoria is particularly strong in its athletes, and a club representing the whole city would at once take great prominence in the athletic world. The movement is one that most people would like to see successful. In fact it is not easy to suggest any good reason why it ought not to succeed. We make this reference to it with the object of stimulating interest in the matter. It is a fit subject for brief newspaper discussion.

THE Seattle Times alleges that ex-Governor McGraw of the state of Washington embezzled $10,000 of the money of King county when he was sheriff and says that the only reason why he is not prosecuted is that prosecutions for crimes are barred in that state by the statute of limitation after three years. It says that the ex-governor offered to make good the amount if the defalcation was not made public. A number of ex-officials of the same county are under arrest for forgery and embezzlement and others are likely to be arrested at any moment. It is right to add that Mr. McGraw says the defalcation occurred without his knowledge and has offered to turn over all his property to be applied in settlement of the shortage.

THE Halifax Chronicle says that all the Tory papers from Halifax to Victoria have joined in the cry that the government shall spend $20,000,000 on the Crow's Nest Pass railway. The COLONIST is not able to keep tab on the Eastern press, but has a pretty fair idea of what the British Columbia press has said on the subject and so far as it is able to recall the only paper in this province that has done anything, which could be twisted to mean that the government should spend any such sum on the above named road is the Vancouver World, whose Toryism has certainly not been conspicuous. Even the World made no such demand. No paper in British Columbia did. The Chronicle is an able-bodied romancer.

THE Golden Era cannot understand why Mr. Speaker ruled out Mr. Forster's railway resolution on the ground that it involved the expenditure of public money, and thinks that is the very reason why it ought to have been discussed. Perhaps it may be well to explain for the benefit of the Era and others in British Columbia who are unfamiliar with the British parliamentary system that any bill or resolution involving the expenditure of public money must be accompanied by a message from the crown or its representative recommending it.

THE amount of energy which our Eastern Canadian contemporaries are devoting to the discussion of the Crow's Nest Pass railway would, if directed in the right direction, build the road and operate it, that is if railways can be run on wind. Meanwhile the C. P. R., has its engineers on the ground and is making all the preliminary arrangements to build the line.

A CURIOUS error appears in the Comox News. That paper says that the editor of the San Francisco Examiner has been arrested for bribery in attempting to get a bill passed through the California legislature. The arrest was for charging bribery against a state senator. The charge was held to be a breach of privilege, or a contempt, or something of that nature.

IT appears more than doubtful if the Australian premiers will be able to visit London during the diamond jubilee or even if Mr. Laurier will be able to go. It is a case of business before pleasure.

THE CANADIAN PRESS.

THE FAILURE OF ASPHALT.

The condition of the Yonge street pavement, especially between College and Queen streets, may possibly be an indication that asphalt is not a successful paving material in this climate, but it certainly seems to show that it is not a success for streets through which the trolleys run.—Toronto Star.

LAURIER'S OPPORTUNITY.

Mr. Laurier to-day holds the future of the West, and with it the future of Canada in his hand, and should take every possible precaution to prevent ulterior considerations from interfering with the manifest duty he owes to the country at large.—Calgary Herald.

BY WAY OF VARIETY.

"How did you happen to become such a pronounced vegetarian?" asked the oldest inhabitant. "All my subscribers paid that way," replied the country editor.—Yonkers Statesman.

"I never saw such stupidity," said the Colonel from Kentucky. "I went into a saloon in Boston and called for a little whisk, and they handed me a small broom."—New York Journal.

Mrs. Kuddler—Do you know, George, that everybody says the baby is just like me? Mr. Kuddler—Nonsense, Anne; the baby is now more than six months old, and it has never spoken a word.—Boston Transcript.

"What are these cups for?" asked a well-dressed man of a jeweller, pointing to some elegant silver cups on the counter. "These are race cups, to be given as prizes." "If that's so, suppose you and I race for one?" And the stranger, with the cup in hand, started, the jeweller after him. The stranger won the cup.—Pick-Me-Up.

The judge, addressing himself to a witness of the female persuasion, who is visibly afflicted with at least 40 years: "Mademoiselle, your age, if you please." (After a long and interesting hesitation)—"Twenty-four, your honor." (To the clerk)—"You may now administer the oath." She takes the oath. "And now, mademoiselle, remember that you must tell the truth."—L'Illustre de Poche.

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BISHOP PERRIN will hold the third of his Bible readings upon St. Paul in the cathedral this afternoon at 3 o'clock.

THE regular weekly entertainment of the Y.W.C.A. has been postponed until Thursday evening next. Mr. H. Dallas Helmcken, Q.C., M.P.P., will occupy the chair.

A LARGE and choice collection of seized and abandoned goods is to be disposed of at auction by W. T. Hardaker this morning at 11 o'clock at the appraiser's rooms on Wharf street.

A MEETING of the general committee managing the C. O. F. anniversary celebration to be given on the 26th of the coming month, will be held to-morrow evening. A church parade has been decided on for the Sunday preceding the event.

THE warrant officers, non-commissioners and rank and file of the Imperial troops at Work Point barracks hold their annual smoking concert at home quarters this evening. The committee in charge is under the presidency of Sergeant R. Boyd, and the secretaryship of Sergeant A. Gibson.

CITIZENS of Westminster and Vancouver are agitating for a repetition at each of these cities of Mr. W. A. Carlyle's illustrated lecture upon Kootenay and the mines of British Columbia. The lecture—as all who listened to it at the Sir William Wallace hall on Friday will agree—is well worthy of repetition.

THE Hudson Bay company's big London sales commenced yesterday, but no word was received during the day of the results. The sales will include some few sealskins that did not reach London in time for the former sale. A second lot, numbering something like 6,000, is to be sold at Lampson's sale beginning on the 27th inst.

THE Portland Oregonian is a little ahead of the procession in its issue of the 17th inst., wherein it says: "The appellate court in Victoria, B. C., has decided what is meant by the expression 'on it.' In the particular case under consideration the court said that the prospector who told another, 'If I find the ledge, you are in on it,' thereby gave the other a half interest in the ledge."

A TEA meeting given in the church last evening brought the anniversary celebration of the Victoria West Methodist church to a happy conclusion. Rev. T. W. Hall, of Nanaimo, preached sermons, specially suited to the occasion, on Sunday, and an extra musical programme appropriate to the occasion was also rendered, the services being enjoyed by large congregations. At last evening's tea meeting there was a good representation of the Methodist clergy of the district, the majority of whom gave short but spicy addresses. Mr. Okell presided, and a few pleasant hours were spent in singing, speechifying, eating and drinking.

SAYS the Tacoma Ledger: "Those who were fortunate enough to witness the entertainment given by the Walther-Hext Concert company at the Tacoma theatre last evening enjoyed a rare treat. Herr Carl Waltner showed himself a violinist of great skill, perfect in his technique, and full of wonderful feeling and tenderness, swaying his audience at will with the magic touch of his bow. Miss Hext is a very skilled elocutionist and actress, her 'mad scene' from Hamlet in the character of Ophelia being particularly worthy of praise." To-night witnesses the appearance of these capable entertainers at the Victoria supported by the famous pianist, Prof. Holub, the entertainment being for the benefit of the High school under whose auspices it is given.

AT yesterday afternoon's monthly meeting of the Young Women's Christian Association, the usual reports from the different officers and committees were presented and received with general satisfaction. The one referring to the library in connection with the association attracted probably most attention, the statement having been made that this valuable adjunct of the society's rooms, which is to furnish those interested with all the reading matter they desire during the year for the very modest cost of 25 cents, would be complete and ready for use very shortly. In regard to the eating department of the society's rooms, the young ladies boast of being able to provide the daintiest and best all-around meals at the lowest rates in town.

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THE owners of the Missing Link mineral claim of Alberni held a meeting yesterday afternoon and made arrangements for forming a company to work the property.

FROM the Jubilee hospital on Sunday afternoon the funeral of the late Frederick Kaye took place, services having been conducted by Rev. Dr. Wilson at the hospital and at the graveside. Those who acted as pall-bearers were Messrs. Pierson, Eldridge, Lowerby and Clyde.

FOUR men from County Bruce—A. Lamontaigne, Leon Carrier, Pierre Gosselin and Elziar Fontaine—are on their way to seek fortunes in the Yukon and are at the Dominion, waiting to sail on the Mexico for the North. They go to Juneau direct and thence make their way inland.

ARGUMENT opened in the full court yesterday in Wells v. Petty the case in which it has to be decided whether the words "in on it" constitute a mining partnership. Mr. E. P. Davis, Q.C., appears for the appellant (plaintiff) and Mr. W. J. Taylor, for the respondent (defendant). It is likely that argument will be concluded to-day and judgment given.

NOTHING was done by the police in the Brown-Aitken case yesterday, save in the line of gathering evidence. Sergt. Langley and Constable Bevan, who were out in Sooke for this purpose, returned home on Sunday, and it is probable some steps will be taken in the case to-day. George Brown, the injured man, was reported to be "on the mend" yesterday.

A PARLOR social to members of the Young Women's Christian Temperance Union will be given at the residence of Mrs. David Spencer, No. 12 Bellville street, to-morrow evening. The programme provided for the event provides not only for music, recitations, etc., but a generous hospitality—a feature never lacking on such occasions when Mrs. Spencer is the hostess-in-chief.

THE third lecture of the Lenten season series arranged by the ladies of St. John's church will be given this evening at the school room on Herald street, the lecturer being the rector of St. John's, Rev. Percival Jenns. "Remarkable Phenomena in Plant Life" is the subject—a subject which in the hands of so enthusiastic a student and so interesting a teacher as Mr. Jenns should bring out a large attendance.

OWING to the illness of our head baker our baking department has been for the past week in charge of a junior baker, with the result that our bread, fancy cakes and pastries have not been so good as usual. But now everything is first-class; our head baker is again at work, our new bakery and bake ovens are completed and Victorians will find our bread, fancy cakes and pastries up to our usual high standard of excellence. Lawrence, the caterer. x

SHIPS AND SHIPPING.

The Walla Walla, due from San Francisco to-morrow evening, has the following saloon passengers for Victoria: L. T. Rogers, Mrs. T. Allsop, J. W. Christman and wife, J. W. Paton, J. Miller and wife, Mrs. A. W. Wilkins, W. P. Walsh, S. Sinclair, J. W. Kinnear, Mrs. H. Rodd, Miss Boyer, Mrs. H. Maynard, N. Hanson, A. Posner, F. Gunther, E. K. Kahn, L. Green, D. Felt, Thos. Barrows and wife.

The British ship Verbena, which put back to Esquimalt from sea last week with ports leaking, is rapidly making repairs, and expects to be away again on Saturday. About 90,000 feet of her lumber cargo is lying on the dock, but this will all be reloaded before she weighs anchor.

The British ship Speke, which is rapidly getting together the greatest hard luck story of the season, has again been obliged to put back to Port Angeles, this time on account of bad weather in the straits.

Captain Newcomb, who has for a long time been in charge of the Cutch of Vancouver, has taken command of one of the C. P. R. Co.'s steamers on the Kootenay lakes.

The bark Northbrook, which arrived in the Royal Roads from San Francisco last week, is awaiting a charter, but expects to receive orders to-day to load on the Sound for Port Pirie, Australia.

The Norwegian ship Prince Robert is due from Shanghai. This is not her destination, but she comes here for orders before proceeding to the Sound.

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A WORKINGMEN'S CLUB

Results From Yesterday's Public Meeting at Sir William Wallace Hall.

The Advancement of the Interests of Labor the Object Sought.

A meeting called by the Trades and Labor Council agreeable to a petition signed by twenty-five workingmen of the city, was held in the Sir William Wallace hall last evening. The object was to take into consideration the formation of a club for workingmen, and there was a goodly attendance of representative workingmen. President James Tagg of the Trades and Labor Council explained the object of the meeting, and asked any of the gentlemen who had petitioned the Trades and Labor Council should address the meeting.

M. J. Conlin accepting the invitation spoke in favor of forming an association of the laboring classes of the city and thought that much good would come of such a movement.

W. J. Ledingham believed that the object of the meeting was a good one, and for himself was glad that the matter had been taken up. He would go in for anything that had for its object the betterment of the position of the laboring classes.

Edward Bragg had not come to speak, but to learn something. He thought the question to be put was, "are the conditions such in the city that the laboring men should get together and organize"? He certainly thought so. The position of the workingmen of Victoria was becoming worse as time propressed, and that if they did not organize they would not have a leg to stand on. He believed that conditions were ripe for the formation of an organization of this kind—a society for the bringing together of all the industrial classes of the city.

S. W. Edwards also believed that an organization of the workingmen of the city should be formed, but hardly knew on what lines; while E. Shanks endorsed the old saying that "It's better late than never," and held that if a union of the laboring men was to be formed, he believed that the Trades and Labor council should help them by every means in their power.

President Tagg replied that the Trades and Labor Council would give such a union every assistance, but he wished it understood that if an organization was to be formed, that no petty jealousies should arise or it would surely be a failure. The workingman was his own enemy, as when time came for the workingman to prove this strength they failed so to do. An organization should certainly be formed which could meet together and discuss the questions of the day and send delegates to the Trades and Labor Council. Not until the workingmen took some step in this direction would their position be a bit better. He showed how Glasgow was organized, and said that there was no reason why Victoria should not be in the same position.

W. McKay illustrated the benefit of a union among the workingmen of the city, and also showed the advantage of the Trades and Labor Council in Victoria, especially in the matter of day labor against the contract system in corporation work.

It was finally moved by W. J. Ledingham, seconded by S. W. Edwards, and decided "That a trades assembly be formed comprised of all workingmen, and that officers be elected."

The officers in the chair for the evening were elected to complete organization, William Tagg being chosen as president, William McKay as secretary, and the committee being composed of W. J. Ledingham, M. Meiss, Charles Gillman, E. Bragg and A. Johnson.

TO-MORROW'S TREAT.

Everything Is Now In Readiness For the Burns Memorial Entertainment.

One of the big events of the season in the local musical world will be the Burns memorial concert to-morrow evening. Everything has been done that could be to make this affair the success it deserves to be, for the object will commend it to every admirer of the immortal Burns, whether a native of Scotland or not. The very best singers in the city have kindly granted their services for the occasion, including such well known favorites as Mrs. Rowlands, Mrs. McCandless, Mrs. Gregson, Miss Jameson, Miss Johnston, Miss Blackie, Mr. Friemuth, Mr. Allan, Mr. Pilling, Mr. Muir, Mr. Kinnaird, Master McKenzie, Master Douglas, and Mr. J. G. Brown, but the most unique part of the affair will be the part songs by a choir of 125 voices under the leadership of Mr. J. G. Brown.

These songs are the same arrangement as used by the celebrated Glasgow Select Choir, whose one time leader all Victorians will remember with pleasure—Frederick Archer, the great organist. There are nineteen numbers on the programme, and all are gems by artists of undoubted ability. The concert will begin promptly at 8 o'clock by the singing of "God Save the Queen," by choir and audience, and as the programme is a long one it is hoped that all will make a point of being present at that hour.

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A CURIOUS DISCOVERY.

Fresh Testimony to the Mongolian Origin of the Coast Indians.

Members of the Natural History Society Elect Officers for the Year.

The annual meeting of the Natural History Society was held last evening in the library of the legislative assembly and was largely attended. The election of officers and the reception of reports were the principal items of business on the president's programme. From the treasurer's statement it was ascertained that there are about sixty members in good standing and a cash balance to the credit of the society of $130. During the year there were twenty meetings held, at which a number of papers on a variety of subjects was read. The donations were numerous and important.

The following officers were elected for the present year: Executive committee, Messrs. Green, Deans, Crompton, Lowenberg, Hastings, Walbran, Gosnell, Beanlands, Newcombe and Jameson. The president is Astdowne Green, the vice presidents are James Deans and Dr. Newcombe; the secretary, Dr. Newcombe; the treasurer, Carl Lowenberg; the librarian, R. E. Gosnell; and the curator, O. C. Hastings.

At the close of the election of officers, Rev. Canon Beanlands referred to the similarity which existed between the copper shields of the northern Indians and the shovel or spade money of the ancient Chinese. The illustrations of the latter in the Catalogue of Chinese Coins published by the British museum, a copy of which had been presented to the library of the Legislative Assembly, established a very close commercial, if not ethnological prehistoric relation between the northern tribes of the Coast and the Mongolian tribes of Asia by way of Behring Sea.

The evidence of common origin was so striking as to form a basis for the conclusion that an actual discovery of importance had been made—that is, that a new source of evidence in support of a pretty well accepted classification of our coast Indians as Mongoloids had been discovered. The subject was considered to be well worthy of further investigation.

Preliminary arrangements were made last evening for organizing another dredging expedition, and for a lecture by Mr. J. W. Laing on Vancouver Island, to be held under the auspices of the society at an early date. The members of the society feel reason for congratulating themselves upon the prosperous condition of its affairs, and the unanimity which prevailed is a good omen for the success of the society during the coming year.

FOUGHT THE BEAR WITH FIRE.

An Englishmen in Nevada Has a Remarkable Experience.

An English tourist recently returned from Nevada, tells how he narrowly escaped from the clutches of a bear. He had scrambled to the top of a large boulder and the bear, wounded in one of its legs, began scratching in the ground at the foot of the boulder, says the Weekly Telegraph.

"Suddenly," he says, "I felt the boulder on which I stood shake and give a sudden downward lurch. It then dawned upon me that the bear was undermining my stronghold, and within a few minutes it would topple over and I be delivered over to his tender mercy. In this emergency I bethought myself of a bottle of brandy which I carried in my pocket. Thinking by pouring its contents over the ground the bear would desist from his mining operations, emptied half of it, but he seemed to be all the more refreshed by the smell and worked away more vigorously than ever.

"There was but half of the brandy left and things were beginning to look serious, when I tried, as a last chance, the extreme remedy of emptying the remainder of the flask onto the back of the bear and throwing a lighted match to the brandy. The flames immediately enveloped the animal, and, with shrieks and yells of pain he skedaddled to my great relief.

"I was presently rejoined by my companions, and with loaded gun we followed up the bear, whom we soon discovered licking his burnt sides, on which very little fur remained. He was so weak after his adventure at the bowlder that we had no difficulty in dispatching him."

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ARE THE RACES AKIN?

Three Parties of Scientists Shortly to Pay a Visit to the North Pacific.

Years to Be Spent in Quest of Data Showing the Relationship of Asiatic and American Races.

The details of the expedition proposed by Morris K. Jesup, president of the American Museum of Natural History, for the exploration of the coasts of the North Pacific ocean and the study of the races living there have been given out by Dr. Franz Boas, assistant curator of the Anthropological department of the museum.

The main object of the expedition is to investigate and establish the ethnological relations between the races of America and Asia and is intended as a contribution to the solution of that question. To this end three parties will be sent into the field. One will work on the coast of the Okhotsk sea, another will explore the west coast of America, and the third will be stationed at the northern part of the Behring sea.

The start will be made early this spring. Dr. Boas will personally conduct the West American coast party, and will be assisted by Harlan I. Smith, an attache of his department in the museum. His other assistants will be employed on the field. About four months will be devoted to that portion, and then the party will conduct further explorations along the Amoor river, in Siberia. It has not yet been determined who will conduct the other two parties.

While it is expected that the object of the exploration can be accomplished in about six years, Mr. Jesup has set no limit to the time which must the consumed, and has declared his intention of seeing the matter through no matter what cost or length of time are required. In connection with the anthropological investigations, a collection of such antiquities as are found to have any bearing on the subject will be made, and the subjects will be placed in the museum, where a place has already been selected for their accommodation. The collection feature of the expedition, however, is merely incidental to its main object.

Speaking of the value of the proposed undertaking to a reporters for the New York Times, Dr. Boas said:

IMPORTANCE OF THE PROBLEM.

"There are few problems that are of greater importance to our knowledge of the early history of the American race than its relations to the races of the Old World. The discussion of this problem has been going on for along period, but its study has never been taken up in a systematic manner. While some investigators maintain that American culture has grown up spontaneously, others claim to recognize traces of Asiatic culture in America. Two ways of connection between the New World and the Old have been suggested; the one leading over the islands of the Pacific to South America, the other leading along the coasts of the North Pacific ocean to our continent. The problem that it is proposed to take up relates to the Northern area.

"Still more doubtful is the racial relationship between the peoples of Asia and America. The opinion that the peoples of British Columbia are more closely related to the Asiatic race than other North American Indians has not been sustained by any material from the Asiatic side. The final solution of these questions requires a systematic study of the whole area. Anthropologists will appreciate the generosity of Mr. Jesup, who makes it possible to investigate this important problem energetically before the destructive influences of civilization will have destroyed the primitive cultures entirely.

"I refer to the Siberian railway, now in process of construction and soon to become an accomplished fact. There is no doubt that the tribes of Siberia, who are already in a state of general degeneration, will be wiped out altogether by the railroad with its attendant civilizing influences.

PEOPLES OF SIBERIA.

"Our knowledge of the ethnology of the Pacific coast of Siberia is largely based upon the reports of early travelers. Steller's description of Kamtchatka supplied a gap that cannot be filled to-day. The circumnavigations of the globe of the last century and of the beginning of this century have furnished us with fragmentary material from those regions, but the only contribution that can claim any great scientific value is that of Schrenck on the peoples of the Amoor. The mythology of the whole region is practically unknown.

"On the American side our information is somewhat fuller. Investigations in British Columbia have been carried on for a number of years under the auspices of the British Association for the Advancement of Science, but much remains to be done.

"Work on the Pacific coast of America will be commenced this spring in fields that have heretofore remained unexplored, and will be continued as long as important gaps in our knowledge of the ethnology of the coast remain to be filled.

"The regions in which investigations are to be carried on offer peculiar difficulties on account of the multitude of tribes. While almost the whole of Siberia is inhabited by tribes akin in language and similar in type the eastern coast is occupied by a variety of races. The same is true in America, where, in the interior, we find a vast sweep of country inhabited by one people, while the diversity of languages and races on the coast is almost incredible.

"The difficulties of the problem will be better appreciated when it is stated that between Columbia river and Behring strait ten languages are found that are fundamentally distinct, and that those languages have thirty-seven dialects which are mutually unintelligible. On the Asiatic side there are seven distinct languages sprken in at least ten dialects, which are mutually unintelligible, but there may be more, since our knowledge of the whole area is very meagre.

RELATIONSHIP OF THE RACES.

"The problem of the relationship of the racial types is a very attractive one. The relations of the races of Southern Alaska and British Columbia to the other North American Indians, although not quite clear, are certainly very intimate, since a gradual transition of the Northwest coast types to those of Eastern North America can be established.

"We know that great changes in the seats of population have occurred in the central parts of Northern Siberia. The weaker peoples of southern regions were pushed northward, and finally came to occupy the inhospitable shores of the Arctic ocean. It will require long and patient study of the inhabitants and of the prehistoric remains of the whole region to unravel its ancient history.

"The mythologies must be scanned with great care. There is no doubt that among the peoples of Siberia a constant interchange of tales and of myths has taken place. There are indications that the current flowed across to our continent, and it will be the task of the proposed investigation to discover to what extent American and Asiatic ideas influenced each other.

"The whole field of research is a vast one, and it is to be expected that the enterprise inaugurated by Mr. Jesup will lead to results which will clear up many of the obscure points regarding the early history of the American race."

PROVINCIAL LEGISLATURE.

Third Session of the Seventh Parliament.

TWENTY-EIGHTH DAY.

MONDAY, March 22.

The Speaker took the chair at 2 o'clock.

Prayers by Rev. R. W. Trotter.

Hon Col. Baker presented the annual report of the minister of mines.

The Premier presented a detailed statement of the travelling expenses of the ministers on duty, together with a statement of any advances made in connection therewith. The return embraced a period between June 30th and 31st December, 1896. The items of expenditure follow:

HON. J. H. TURNER'S VISIT TO KOOTENAY—

Aug. 17 to Sept. 6, 19 days' allowance @ $5	$ 95
Steamer fares, buggy hire, sleeping cars	73
Total	$ 168

HON. COL. BAKER'S TRIP TO OTTAWA.

Sept. 1 to 3, two days @ $5	$ 10
Sept 3 to 21, 18 days @ $10	180
Nov. 21 to 23, 2 days @ $5	10
Total	$ 200

HON. G. B. MARTIN'S VISIT TO THE INTERIOR.

Oct. 3 to 23, 20 days @ $5	$ 100

HON. D. M. EBERT'S VISIT TO LONDON.

May 23 to Oct. 22, fare to London and return	$ 404
Cab hire	20
Travelling allowance, absent 152 days, less 62 not on official business, 90 days @ $10	900
Total	$1,324
May 22, advance to Hon Mr. Eberts	$ 500
July 17, " " " " "	600
Sept. 14 " " " " "	500
Total	$1,600

The difference $276, was repaid to the treasury.

Hon. Col. Baker presented a return of correspondence relating to the appointment of T. P. Reid as provincial constable at 150-Mile house.

Hon. Mr. Martin presented a return of correspondence regarding Mr. J. W. Rudd's claim to record a pre-emption on the north half of the north half of section 7, Mayne Island, and regarding issuance of a certificate of improvement to W. T. Collinson on said land.

The printing committee presented a report recommending that certain papers already presented be printed. The report was read and received.

Mr. Kennedy presented a petition from the local Council of Women and the W.C.T.U., asking to have barber shops, fruit stores and cigar stores closed on Sundays.

Dr. Walkem moved for a select committee consisting of Messrs. McGregor, Bryden, Braden, Williams and the mover to inquire into and report upon the management of the estate of the late G. H. Blakeway by J. P. Planta, Esq., official administrator, with power to call for persons and papers. Carried.

Mr. Graham moved seconded by Mr. Cotton "That letters numbered 1 to 12, inclusive, in the return presented March 15, referring to coal lands at Rock creek, Osoyoos district, be produced and printed."

In amendment Hon. Mr. Martin moved that the whole correspondence be printed, as the portion asked for by Mr. Graham would hardly explain the whole matter.

The amendment was carried.

Hon. Mr. Turner moved seconded by Hon. Col. Baker, "That this house will, at its next setting, resolve itself into a committee of the whole to consider the ways and means for raising the supply to be granted to her Majesty." Carried.

Mr. Hume asked the Premier: "What amounts have the C. P. R. contributed towards street and sewer improvements in Nelson"?

Hon. J. H. Turner replied: "The government has no information of any amount being contributed by the C. P. R."

Mr. Kellie asked: "What steps, if any, have been taken in relation to the resolution of the house passed on April 9, 1896, requesting that the Dominion government be informed of the necessity of placing the Yukon country under more effective government control?"

Hon. J. H. Turner replied: "The resolution was duly transmitted to the secretary of state, and the reply of the Federal government thereto was printed in the sessional papers in 1896."

Mr. Rithet asked: "Has the government any information regarding a reported change of route by way of the Cape of Good Hope instead of by way of the Pacific ocean, British Columbia and the Dominion, for the proposed all-through British cable line between Australia and Great Britain?"

Hon. Mr. Turner replied: "No; the government has no information on the subject."

Mr. Rithet, for the committee on railways, presented a report asking that the time for reporting railway bills be extended for one week.

The report was read and received.

The house went into committee on the Water Clauses Consolidation bill, Dr. Walkem in the chair. The committee made progress as far as section 39, with sections 9 and 11 left over. There was some discussion over sub-section a of section 7, providing that mortgagees could hold records and water rights appurtenant to lands of a defaulting mortgagor, for such time as was necessary to enable them to realize their security. The Attorney-General put in an amendment changing the word "necessary" to reasonable, and the section was passed.

In section 39, allowing an appeal to the Full court at Victoria in the case of dissatisfied persons, Mr. Williams objected to the words "at Victoria," as he claimed that the Full court might sometimes be held on the Mainland. The words were struck out.

The committee reported and will sit again.

The West Kootenay Power Co. bill was sent to committee, with Mr. Huff in the chair; the committee reporting progress.

The Revelstoke, Trout Lake and Big Bend Telephone Co. bill was read a third time and passed.

The house went into committee on the East Kootenay Railway bill, Mr. Kennedy in the chair. Clauses 1 to 9 were passed and the committee reported, asking leave to sit again.

The house then adjourned.

NOTICES OF MOTION.

By Dr. Walkem—For a select committee to inquire into the disposal of the B. C. Southern charter, such committee to consist of Messrs. William, Booth, Semlin, Kellie, Irving and the mover.

By Mr. Sword—For all correspondence, petitions, etc., between the Sumas dyking commissioners or any other persons and the government, or any member thereof, in relation to the Sumas dyking, such return to cover the period between January 1, 1894, and date.

Mr. Sword—To move that the third reading of the East Kootenay Railway bill be discharged and the bill recommitted to insert: "The company shall, within three months after the passage of this act, deposit with the provincial government the sum of $3,000 as security that the company will expend not less than $6,000 in actual construction of the railway hereby authorized to be built before the 31st December, 1899, and in default the said sum of $3,000 shall be forfeited to and become the property of the government as liquidated and ascertained damages, and not as a penalty, and the powers and privileges hereby conferred shall lapse and become void at failure to comply with the above conditions."

NOTICES OF QUESTIONS.

By Mr. Williams—To ask:

"1. Has the Columbia and Western Railway Company deposited with the provincial government security in compliance with section 34, Columbia and Western Railway Subsidy Act, 1896?

"2. If so, when was said security deposited?

"3. Nature of the security, if any?

"4. If by bond, names and addresses of bondsmen?

"5. Conditions of bond, if any?"

By Mr. Williams—To ask:

"1. Did the Attorney-General hold a brief on behalf of the province before the Privy Council re Precious Metals in Island Railway lands?

"2. How many days were occupied at hearing before the Privy Council?

"3. Who acted as counsel in above matter for the province, and when engaged?

"4. What fees (if any) were paid to English counsel and solicitors herein?"

Mr. Graham—To ask: "Was the right to purchase pastoral lands intentionally omitted from the act granting aid to the Columbia and Western Railway?

"2. If not intentional, does the government intend to take any steps to place pastoral lands on the same footing as agricultural land?"

Dr. Walkem—To ask: "What were the railway and steamer expenses of individual ministers for the six months ending December 31, 1896."

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GEMMILL & MAY,
Solicitors for Applicants.
Ottawa, 20th January, 1897. ja28

NOTICE is hereby given that the British Columbia Southern Railway Company will apply to the Parliament of Canada at its next session, for an act to declare the said British Columbia Southern Railway Company to be a body corporate and politic within the jurisdiction of the Parliament of Canada, and the company's railway to be a work for the general advantage of Canada, also to authorize the extension of the line of the said railway from its eastern terminus in the Crow's Nest Pass, across and over the eastern boundary of British Columbia, into the Province of Alberta, thence in an easterly direction to MacLeod, or to a point on the line of the Calgary and MacLeod Railway, and there to connect with the same, and thence easterly to Lethbridge.

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March 17th, 1897. mr18

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NOTICES.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

In the Supreme Court of British Columbia.

In the Matter of the Official Administrators Act and in the Matter of the Estate of Frederick Kaye, Deceased Intestate

Notice is hereby given that by an order of the Honourable Mr. Justice Drake, bearing date the 20th day of March, 1897, I was appointed Administrator of all and singular the goods, chattels and credits of the above-named deceased.

Persons having claims against the estate of the said deceased are requested to send me particulars thereof on or before the 20th day of April, A.D. 1897, and all persons indebted to said deceased are required to pay such indebtedness to me forthwith.

W. MONTEITH,
mr21 Official Administrator.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that an application will be made to the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, at its present sitting, for a private bill to incorporate a company for the purpose of constructing, equipping, maintaining, and operating a railway from a point on the south boundary line of British Columbia, between the 134th and 136th degrees of longitude, at the head of Lynn Canal, and thence northerly and westerly by the most feasible route to the north boundary line of British Columbia; with power to construct, maintain and operate branch lines, and all necessary bridges, ferries and wharves, and to construct, own and operate telegraph and telephone lines in connection with the said railway and branches, and to build, own and operate steam and other vessels, to take and use water for generating electricity and other purposes, and to acquire foreshore rights and lands for the right of way, station grounds and other necessities, and to acquire lands and other bonuses or aids from the Governments of Canada and British Columbia, or from any municipality, corporation or person, to aid in the construction of the said railway, and make traffic and other arrangements with other railway companies or persons, and for all other usual and necessary powers and privileges; and also, for power to levy a royalty on all precious metals passing outwards over the said road when constructed.

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FLAX CULTURE.

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J. R. ANDERSON,
Deputy Minister of Agriculture.
Department of Agriculture,
Victoria, March 18, 1897. mr19

PROVINCIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE.

HIS HONOUR the Lieutenant-Governor has been pleased to make the following appointment:—

11th March, 1897.

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NOTICE.

Assessment Act and Provincial Revenue Tax.

NOTICE is hereby given in accordance with the Statutes, that Provincial Revenue Tax and all taxes levied under the Assessment Act are now due for the year 1897. All of the above named taxes collectible within Victoria City, South Victoria and Esquimalt Electoral Districts, North Saanich, Rupert, Sayward, Quatsino, Coast and Queen Charlotte Island Land Districts, with parts of Barclay and Clayoquot Districts assessed by me, are payable at my office.

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Four-fifths of one per cent. on the assessed value of real estate, other than wild land.
Three quarters of one per cent. on the assessed value of personal property.
On so much of the income of any person as exceeds one thousand dollars the following rates, namely: Upon such excess, when the same is not more than ten thousand dollars, one and one-quarter of one per cent.; when such excess is over ten thousand dollars and not more than twenty thousand dollars, one and one-half of one per cent.; when such excess is over twenty thousand dollars, one and three-quarters of one per cent.
Three per cent. on the assessed value of wild land.

If paid on or before the 30th day of June, 1897:
Three-fifths of one per cent. on the assessed value of real estate, other than wild land.
One-half of one per cent. on the assessed value of personal property.
Upon such excess of income when the same is not more than ten thousand dollars one per cent.; when such excess is over ten thousand dollars and not more than twenty thousand dollars, one and one quarter of one per cent.; when such excess is over twenty thousand dollars, one and one-half of one per cent.
Two and one-half per cent. on the assessed value of wild land.
Provincial Revenue Tax, $3.00 per capita (residents of Victoria City excepted.)

CORNELIUS BOOTH,
Assessor and Collector.
January 2nd 1897. ja12

DISSOLUTION OF PARTNERSHIP.

Take notice that pursuant to the provisions of the Partnership Act, 1891, I have this day dissolved the partnership heretofore existing between Michael Morissey and myself under the name of the Excelsior Brewing Company.

Dated at Victoria this 16th day of March, 1897.

JOHN LEAHY.
Witness:—Archer Martin. mr18

UNSPOKEN.

When you owe a fellow money,
It is always kind of funny
How you'd just a little rather that you didn't
chance to meet.
Of course you mean to pay it,
And you know he wouldn't say it
If he even got to thinking you a trifle indiscreet.

You know he wouldn't bone you
For the temporary loan you
Unthinkingly asserted you would very promptly pay;
But, though cordially you greet him,
It is true you never meet him,
But you wonder if he's thinking of the things he doesn't say.

Though you grasp his hand with ardor,
Though you grip it hard and harder,
You'll still be sadly conscious of a something in between,
Of a something intervening,
Of the which you guess the meaning,
For you know it's but the spirit of the cash he hasn't seen.

—Chicago Journal.

MY LUCKY FIND.

I was almost in despair.

What a lot of trouble I have brought on myself for my good nature! Police investigations and reports, annoyance, chagrin, perhaps, at the outcome. Yes, it was enough to make a man swear!

And the cause of it all was Baby Mouse, hapless Baby Mouse! But, before you, dear reader, will understand why Baby Mouse should be to blame you will want to know who he is. It's a strange story, and yet sweet and tender withal. And it ends well—that's its best part.

Three months ago I was coming home with the evening shades. It was bitter cold, and I rejoiced in anticipation of my cozy, warm home and the simple, dainty meal which my old housekeeper, Johanna, knew how to prepare so well. I was lost in just such comfortable bachelor reverie, when I descended from the L road to wend my way toward my little Washington Heights home. I walked rapidly and soon reached there. Opening the iron gate that led into the tiny garden patch in front of the house, I saw a small package lying on the frozen snow.

"A present from somebody," I said half aloud, stooped and picked up my find. My hands, a bit numb with cold, despite my fleece lined gloves, had scarcely grasped the bundle when it began to kick and squirm. Nor was that all. It raised such lusty howls that my neighbors' windows flew up, and they stuck out their heads to see what it meant.

It would have done me good to see my face just then in a convenient mirror.

All the nursery tales of cry babies and bewitched castaways came to my mind with a rush. I felt like depositing the lively packet in the place where I had found it, but that would have been cruel.

Aye, it would have been worse than murder to leave such a little mite out in the open with the thermometer at 10 above zero. I had no desire to make the acquaintance of the state attorney.

But, better than all, great pity swelled my heart for the unfortunate creature whom loveliness had cast away, and as fast as I could run with my burden I ran into the house. Johanna met me in the door.

"See what I have brought you," I said, with a laugh.

The good woman gazed with horror on the squirming, shaking babe and held out her hands.

"Doctor, what does it mean?" she gasped.

"It means, Johanna, that for the next few days you are going to bathe and feed and fondle this little waif, just as you did me once upon a time."

And then I told her the story of how I had found Baby Mouse.

In the lamplight I examined the little foundling, and Johanna, too, looked him over with critical eyes. He was a jolly little youngster, 8 months old perhaps, with chubby face, eyes as blue as a summer sky and lips that soon took on cherry hue, as their blue, pinched look died away in the genial warmth of the room and Johanna's embraces that alternated with mine.

Johanna brought out fresh linen, arranged a bed and bathed and washed the foundling. Tucking him comfortably away in an improvised crib, she gave him a bottle filled with milk, and, when he had appeased his hunger, he fell into a peaceful slumber. I kissed the baby's brow and said to Johanna:

"I am going to report that case to the police in the morning, and I'll ask them to let me keep the little one until his relations are heard from."

Johanna gave me an amazed look.

"My life is so lonely," I continued, "he may bring some color into it!" I may have sighed as I walked away.

"You haven't forgotten, doctor," answered the good woman, "no matter how hard you've tried!"

Next day I went to the chief of police. He recorded the case and had no objection to my keeping the baby. This is the way I came into possession of a lovely and beautiful child. Johanna and I decided to call him Robert, but his pet name—Baby Mouse—was older than that, and it clung to him.

And now you know who Mouse is.

Nobody ever came to claim him, and my heart opened to the tender waif as it had never opened before.

Mouse, of course, was treated like a king. Now and then Johanna would say, "You are spoiling the child, doctor!" But she was as weak as I with regard to Mouse.

He grew and prospered like a flower in the sunshine of our love and was the lustiest youngster on the block.

But there must be rainy days as well. One day Mouse was taken ill, and before night we knew that he had been attacked with diphtheria. With flaming cheeks and trembling hands he lay in his crib, and I bent over him with breaking heart. Long nights of anxious watching followed. At last care and tender nursing drove death from the door, and the doctor told me that the danger was passed. But another blow came severer even than Mouse's illness. My old faithful servant had caught the infection and had to take to her bed.

There I was, a helpless man, with an ill woman and a convalescent babe on my hands.

Surely it was a desperate situation.

I engaged a trained nurse to wait on the sick, but I could not expect her to look after me too. The little comforts to which I had been accustomed dropped away one by one.

"If only my wife was here!"

My wife!

Yes, I had been married—in fact, I was still married. And this, too, is a strange story.

My wife was an only child, spoiled by rich and indulgent parents. When I took her to my modest home, I discovered that she had many little faults—all women have—and I thought I could wean her away from them. The big faults, of course, I was willing to condone, for they were part of the bargain.

My wife was a bit gay, a bit frivolous, a bit stubborn and a bit too fond of dress. But I loved her with all my heart, and she loved me. And because I loved her I endeavored to cure her of these little imperfections.

It was a difficult piece of work. Sharp words were spoken on one side, tears shed on the other, and the upshot of the matter was that one day my wife left me and returned to her parents. They wrote me a long letter, expressing regret that my wife could not live with me and advising that we had better separate.

I might have applied for a divorce, but could not bring myself to do it, and the other side took no steps for a legal separation.

My life became dreary and sad, and I believe I was on the short road to hypochondria.

Mouse came just in the nick of time and saved me from that fate. I gave him all my love, and he was all the world to me.

But my present dilemma was due to the coming of the little castaway. "Mouse, Mouse," I said more than once, "what have you done?"

There were days when I dreaded to go home—two sick beds, nothing to eat for myself; forsooth, a cheerless, lonely home.

When I sat down by Johanna's bed, she tried to console me as best she could, but her cheerful words fell upon deaf ears.

One evening in March I again wended my way homeward. I thought of Mouse, of Johanna, of the trained nurse, and was in the worst possible humor. Opening the door with my latchkey, I hung my overcoat on the rack and made more noise than was necessary in taking off my rubber shoes. I went into the dining room, and—

Had Johanna been prowling about in spite of the doctor's express orders to remain in bed? The tea steamed over the alcohol lamp. There were fresh bread and golden butter, ham, cold roast beef; the evening papers were nicely stacked on one side; on the other, my box of cigars, the ash tray and the matches. Just as Johanna was wont to arrange things in the good old days, before hapless Mouse interfered.

I went into the next room, where Mouse was kept. The lamplight was muffled, but in the semidarkness I recognized the form of the trained nurse bending over the baby's crib.

"The trained nurse! Was I dreaming? I knew that head, with the daintily molded cheek, the rich blond hair, gracefully arranged at the back.

I had kissed it many times. A step, and I was near her. "Anna!" I cried. "My wife!"

I caught her in my arms. She pressed her head to my breast and whispered:

"Richard, forgive me!"

It was not a dream. It was sweet reality. Again the lovely woman in my arms whispers:

"Can you forgive me, Richard?"

I can only kiss her again and again and listen to the story of her coming.

Johanna had written her in what a plight I was. She had told her about the coming of Mouse, the child's illness and her own, and my helpless condition in the face of all this trouble. And then Johanna had lectured her about the great virtue of forbearance and other wholesome truths with regard to the married life of two people who in reality loved each other.

The old woman's words went straight to Anna's heart. She came, and I held her in my arms and begged her to stay forever.

By this time Mouse had been aroused from his peaceful slumber. When he saw me, he stretched out his little arms, and I took him and laid him into those of my wife.

"Will you be a mother to him?" I asked.

"I will love him as you do," answered the sweet woman by my side. And thus peace has once more come into my house.

And the cause of it all was—Mouse.

Blessed Mouse!—From the German For St. Louis Republic.

Our Forefathers' Books.

In the course of some remarks at the London dinner to Poynter, the academy's president, Conan Doyle said: "It is difficult now to realize the avidity with which our forefathers fell upon a good, solid book. For them there were no book stalls crammed with cheap literature, no little pirating magazines, containing the looted spoils of a dozen goodly books. Consequently they had time to absorb a book, so that it became part of their mind and soul. We could not put back the clock and make books rarer. We would not if we could. But it would not be a bad thing now and again if we went into a retreat for a month or a year and swore off all ephemeral literature and turned back to the classics of our language."

Evident.

Reporter—Did you find out the cause of that suicide this afternoon?

Officer McGobb—Yis, sor. It wor a rope.—Indianapolis Journal.

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Between Michael Morrissey, Plaintiff, and John Leahy, Defendant.

Notice is hereby given that by order of the Supreme Court of British Columbia, made herein, this 19th day of March, 1897, Henry Smith Fairall has been appointed Receiver and Manager of the partnership assets of the above-named Michael Morrissey and John Leahy, carrying on the business under the firm name and style of the Excelsior Brewing Company, at Victoria West, B.C.

The said business will be carried on until further notice by the said Receiver, who will collect all moneys due the said partnership and all persons concerned are hereby notified that the said Receiver is the only person having authority to collect moneys or otherwise deal with the assets of the said business.

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Report for 24 hours ending 9 p.m.

1 a.m..	30°	Mean 37°	The velocity and direction of the wind were as follows:
5 a.m..	31°		
9 a.m..	37°	Highest 46°	5 a.m.—Calm. 1 p.m.—8 E. 9 p.m.—4 N.
1 p.m.	44°		
5 p.m..	42°	Lowest 39°	Cloudy. Sunshine—5h. 54m.
9 p.m..	37.		

Barometer 9 a.m... Observed .....30.600 Reduced 30.356

ESQUIMALT STATION, March 22, 1897.
Report for 24 hours ending 9 p.m.

1 a.m..	36°	Mean 39°	The velocity and direction of the wind were as follows:
5 a.m..	37°		
9 a.m..	40.	Highest 42°	5 a.m.—4 N. 1 p.m.—8 N.E. 9 p.m.—4 N.
1 p.m..	40°		
5 p.m..	40°	Lowest 36°	Rain—.35 No Sunshine.
9 p.m..	39°		

Barometer 9 a.m.... Observed .... 30.220 Reduced..... 30.21)

E. BAYNES REED, Observer.

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BIRTH.

KER—On the 21st inst., at Lampson street, Esquimalt, the wife of R. L. Ker, of a daughter.

DIED.

PORTER—Died at St Joseph's Hospital, Ernest, youngest son of Thomas and Annie Porter, aged five years.

The funeral will take place TO-DAY (Tuesday) at 12 o'clock, from the parents' residence, Burnside, and at St. John's Church at 1:30 p.m. Friends will please accept this intimation.

YES, YOU CAN GET any kind of cemetery decorations at Bradbury's Monumental Works, on Cormorant street, corner Blanchard street.

PERSONAL.

J. Sheasgreen, Vancouver, is at the Driard.

F. Young, Rossland, is spending a few days at the Dominion.

John F. Norris, night editor of the COLONIST, is dangerously ill.

Capt. Garland and J. Wright, North Bend, are registered at the Driard.

R. M. Palmer, inspector of fruit pests, is back from a trip to the mainland.

Frank McFarland has gone to Nelson in the employ of the Hall Mines Co.

Rev. C. E. and Mrs. Cooper arrived from Wellington on Monday and are guests at Bishop's close.

F. C. Gamble, resident Dominion engineer, returned by the Charmer on Sunday from the mainland.

J. A. Currie, formerly city editor of the Toronto Mail and now of Campbell & Currie, mining brokers, Toronto, is at the Driard.

J. H. Calvert of Toronto, W. H. Brooking of Winnipeg, J. J. Huhns and P Larsen of Vancouver and W. T. Tanner of Guelph are at the Queens.

Robert Ward, who since he came from Greenwood some time ago as one of the delegates to favor a reod from the coast to Southern Kootenay, has been ill at the Jubilee hospital, has recovered his health again.

James H. Dobson, Winnipeg, agent of the Dominion Express company, a gentleman well known throughout British Columbia, lies at the point of death. He was reported unconscious the greater part of yesterday.

Mayor Gordon and H. Russell of Kamloops are visiting the capital for the purpose of interviewing the government on private matters. The two with James Connacker, another Kamloops citizen, are quartered at the Driard.

ESTIMATES PASSED.

Put Through the Final Stage at Last Night's City Council Meeting.

Gorge Road Ratepayers Ask That Some Attention Be Paid to Their Wants.

By far the most important question to come before the city council last night was the report of Mr. Rudolph Hering, the eminent sanitary engineer, as to the Beaver lake filter beds. Mr. Hering also sent in a bill for $150, the amount at which he values his expert services and his report. The latter, which is published this morning in another column, was filed. Another important subject dealt with was the reconsideration and final passing of the estimates of expenditure for the current year.

The good roads committee of the Victoria wheelmen are anxious to talk roads with the council, and sent in a request for a meeting, which was granted, Monday evening at 7 o'clock being the appointment.

There were two complaints sent in by various people. One was from Lowenberg, Harris & Co., to the effect that by the city turning off the water on Store street without notice a sewer had been blocked. A second complaint was from Mr. H. B. W. Aikman and 38 others to the effect that the Gorge road required attention badly and had been neglected by former councils. The first letter was referred to the city engineer and water commissioner, while the other was handed to the street committee and city engineer for an estimate as to what it would cost to put the Gorge road in good shape.

An acknowledgement was received from Hon. J. H. Turner of the proposed amendments which the city desired to see inserted in the Municipalities Act, and promising to give them his best consideration.

The city engineer having directed attention to the necessity of replanking Rock Bay bridge and of replacing a few piles at a cost of $300, the council agreed without demur and therefore won the approbation of the mayor, who was of opinion that there should be always prompt attention given to the bridges.

Ald. McCandless, while quite agreeing with this, remarked that it would really be cheaper in the long run to build a short bridge directly across the arm, instead of keeping up the present long one.

Ald. Harrison did not see the use of building a new bridge, as he hoped when the Indian reserve was made over to the city that the E. & N. bridge might be taken by the city in exchange for terminal facilities on the reservation.

The Mayor—We have not got the reservation yet and that may be a long time.

The sale of the old hand fire engines at a cost of $400 and $300 was recommended by the fire wardens, who also advised that some hose and a chemical extinguisher be placed at the Jubilee hospital as additional protection against fire. This was adopted as was also another report from the fire wardens recommending that a switch board for the fire alarm, two fire alarm boxes and some gum coats and other supplies be purchased.

In addition to this the fire wardens recommended that tenders be invited for five fire hydrants, a hose, 500 feet of hose and 3 miles of wire. This was agreed to.

A bill was sent in by Mr. H. P. Bell, C.E., for $1,325, for reports and services in connection with Point Ellice bridge in connection with the accident. This was laid over, some of the aldermen wanting to get some further information on the subject before dealing with the bill.

A report from the streets committee, recommending that five cents a foot be allowed property owners for permanent sidewalks was adopted and the by-law to raise $17,000 for school improvements was read a first and a second time.

Contracts for police clothing were awarded to W. D. Kinnaird for constable's uniforms at $20 each; Creighton and Co. for chief and seargeants' uniforms at $25 each; J. T. Burrows, overcoats at $24 each; J. Maynard, boots at $6.25 each. The tenders for nails and lumber were referred to the streets committee.

LOST THROUGH THE BLOCKADE.

Snowstorms and Railway Delays Interfere With Mining Enterprise.

ROSSLAND, March 22.—The shipments of ore from the Rossland mines last week totalled 1,230 tons. This amount would have been greatly exceeded but for the reason that both railroads were blockaded for several days, and the Le Roi had to shut down for two days. The wagon road to the Columbia and Kootenay mine was also blocked up with snow, and no shipments have been made for two weeks. As this mine now belongs to the Trail smelter it it unlikely it will ship again till the Columbia and Western railway is extended to the camp.

H. L. Robertson of Moresby island is at the Dominion.

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The Affairs of the V. C. C. in Particularly Satisfactory Condition.

Seamen of the "Dudhope" Take the Field at Football.

The Victoria Cricket Club held their annual general meeting last night at the offices of Messrs. Davie, Pooley & Luxton. There was a very fair attendance, and Mr. Luxton acted as chairman. The secretary read a comprehensive report of last year's proceedings, which showed that the club had considerably increased its membership, and had sustained its all-round success in the field so notably inaugurated in 1895.

The financial statement shows a surplus in receipts of $57.05 over the current expenditure of 1896. This is the largest balance on the right side obtained since 1889 at least. It is hoped that this is the turning point in this club's future and that all liabilities will in time be paid off. No decision was arrived at as to the grounds to be obtained, a matter which this committee will attend to. The secretary's and treasurer's reports were adopted. The secretary and the treasurer regretted, when asked to continue their inability, for good reasons, to comply this year.

The following are the officers elected for this season: President, His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor; vice-president, the Hon. Mr. Justice Drake, secretary L. C. Barff; treasurer, B. H. T. Drake; committee, the Hon. C. E. Pooley, Dr. J. D. Helmcken, S. F. Morley, T. H. Paterson and W. P. Gooch.

A vote of thanks was passed to the retiring officers, and the meeting closed. Subjoined is a summary of the financial statement for the season just closed:

BALANCE SHEET.

Receipts.

Arrear subscriptions from 1895		$ 25 00
Subscriptions 1896—		
1 at $20	$ 20 00	
26 at 10	260 00	
21 at 5	105 00	
1 at 4	4 00	
1 at 3	3 00	
1 at 2 50	2 50	
		394 50
Victoria Phoenix Brewing Co.		9 00
Lunch receipts		20 00
Gross gate receipts Portland match.		18 25
Sale of material—		
Six forms	$ 3 00	
Water barrel	2 25	
		5 25
Portland XI tour subscription		67 50
Total		$536 50

EXPENDITURE INCURRED IN 1896.

Repairs and new material	$ 93 00
Groundman—Salary	140 00
" Sundries	9 05
" Expenses to Vancouver	5 00
" " " Nanaimo.	5 30
Rent of Cook street ground	20 00
" Victoria Golf Club house	20 00
Ground repair and maintenance	21 75
Expressage	11 75
Printing	15 10
Three match lunches	44 20
Afternoon refreshment	10 70
Victoria Phœnix Brewing Co.	3 00
Three hacks to meet a visiting XI.	4 50
Fifty per cent Portland match gate receipts, for use of ground	9 15
Stationery, postage and telegrams	6 25
Victoria Cricket Club share of Portland XI. expenses	60 70
Balance	57 05
Total	$536 50

Dr—		Cr—	
To balance	$587 05	Old liabilities paid out of balance	$53 00
		Balance in hand	4 05
Total	$57 05	Total	$57 05

March 12, 1897.

(Sd.) S. F. MORLEY, Secretary.
(Sd.) B. G. GOWARD, Treasurer.

Examined and found correct.
(Sd.) T. H. PATERSON, Auditor.

HOCKEY.

PREPARING FOR THE FRAY.

The first lot of sticks (two dozen) for the Victoria Hockey Club has arrived in Vancouver and will be forwarded on by to-day's Charmer, Messrs. Waitt & Co. handling the parcel. Play will commence on Saturday next at 2:30 o'clock sharp on the Oak Bay ground. Twenty-two players will be required for a full practice game and all members are requested to give the club strong support in this the opening game. The Vancouver ladies' team had a splendid practice Saturday—the team is preparing itself for the match here on April 2.

FOOTBALL.

THE DUDHOPE'S CREW OF KICKERS.

DUNCAN, March 22.—(Special)—A Rugby game was played here on Saturday between Cowichan and the ship Dudhope, now lying at Chemainus. Cowichan won somewhat easily, the score being 1 goal and 5 tries to 0.

RIVALS OF THE FAMOUS HORNETS.

The Victoria college eleven will meet the Bumblebees on Beacon Hill to-morrow afternoon, and also have arranged a match with H. M. S. Comus for the Thursday following on the College grounds.

RANDOM MENTION

OF MORE THAN ONE SPORT.

William Farrell left Vancouver for England on Sunday to negotiate the sale of the Fader bicycle brake rights in the old land.

All interested in the organization of the Y.M.C.A. rowing club should attend the meeting to be held for this purpose at the Association rooms this evening.

Robert Fitzsimmons now vows by everything in sight that he will never again enter the ring. It remains for him to prove himself the most sensible man in the business by keeping his word.

A match has been arranged between Maher and Sharkey, the mill to take place in May at Brooklyn.

Referee George Siler and a number of other sports returning from the Carson city carnival, were in a railway smash-up yesterday. None were injured.

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AN EXPERT'S REPORT.

Rudolph Hering Gives His Views on the Beaver Lake Filter Beds.

Tells the Best Method of Finding Out Where the Leaks Are.

The long expected report of Mr. Rudolph Herring, the eminent engineer who visited the filter beds in February last, has been received and was read at the city council meeting last night. It states:

"The construction of the filter beds has been placed in the hands of a contractor who has to build them according to the terms of a certain contract and appended specifications, one clause of which specified that the beds be made water-tight, and turned over to the city in a water-tight and usable condition. This requirement had not been fulfilled, and further payments were therefore suspended until the beds were repaired so as to hold water and otherwise were in full accordance with the contract requirements. A cofferdam was built across the valley to enable the beds to be built. Its construction is said to have been satisfactory, and that it had excluded the water from the building site. Three filter beds were then constructed at some distance back of the dam. The two walls at the sides of the valley were built on rock and the rest on hard ground. The division walls between the filter beds show cracks, reported to vary in width from 3-16 of an inch to 1-32 of an inch. Yet no apparent settlement seemed to have taken place. No cracks appeared in the east and west walls—those founded on rock—so far as I was informed or could see. Between the walls the hard bottom was of unequal depth, and after taking out the soft material the space was said to have been filled in with clay and loan up to the sub-grade of the filters. Mr. Wilmot states that he wanted the water turned upon the filling so as to compact it, but the contractor would not do this. A layer of concrete was then placed upon the filling from wall to wall. It is said to have been made six inches in thickness, but there appears to be doubt about this in the minds of some. It is feared that at some places there were but four inches of concrete and three inches of gravel underneath.

From the plans shown to me and from statements made by the city engineer regarding the thickness of the walls, I have the following remarks to make:

The main dam or wall separating the filter beds from the lake seems to have sufficient thickness and appears to have been well built, notwithstanding that some very slight cracks appear in the same. Such are not infrequent in concrete walls and can be avoided only with great difficulty. The wall separaring the filter beds from the proposed reservoir appears to me to be of insufficient thickness. It is apparently intended that the earth embankment resting against it on the reservoir side will make up for the strength lost by the diminished width. Such expectations are not always realized, and it would be well to carefully observe the action of this wall and of the embankment, so that any necessary repairs or means of strengthening may be undertaken before anything serious occurs. The east and west walls of the filter beds, resting against the original banks and between which the beds were constructed, may likewise be of insufficient width. Wherever the original material back of the wall is rock, or of such a character that its natural slope when standing alone will be nearly vertical, the width shown on the drawings would be entirely sufficient; but where the backing is not of this character, where it is filled in material or of a clayey nature, and particularly when it may receive and retain sub-soil water, the pressure against the walls would be so great that their thickness, as marked upon the plans, is insufficient to withstand such pressure. They should be so proportioned that they will stand under the least favorable conditions likely to occur; that is, when the pressure from the outside is greatest and from the inside least, which would occur when the beds are empty. I am, of course, not able to state the nature of the ground behind the walls therefore I cannot say whether the walls are actually of insufficient thickness or not for the conditions under which they are to operate. I notice, however, that on the sectional plans crossing the reservoir on line C C, it appears that there is considerable new filling against the walls, sufficient for suspecting that they are not quite thick enough to be entirely safe. They should therefore likewise be carefully watched, and any signs of movement quickly attended to.

The division walls between the several filter beds have a sufficient thickness, and if they have been properly built of proper material and with good workmanship they should not give any trouble on this account. It is quite proper to commence them upon hard bottom and to build them up to beneath the floor with dry masonry, provided always that the stones were carefully and as firmly set as though they were bedded in mortar. Such a foundation wall, when dry, should serve its purpose equally well, because the only pressure which is exerted is vertical. If the stones are carelessly laid a settlement can occur by a crushing in of insufficiently large bearing surfaces. The concrete flooring was put in after the walls were built. It is said that before the sand was filled in cracks existed at places where the flooring joined the walls. This is not an unusual occurrence. If such a crack exists along a large portion of the walls the water from the filter beds could leak into the ground instead of running into the proper channel. It is also possible that, owing to the unequal filling between the natural hard bottom and the concrete flooring, the material may have settled in places and the concrete floor may have cracked, thus allowing water, after passing through the filter, to leak out instead of going into the regular channel. But these cracks also allow water to enter the filter beds from the outside. This condition is probably the usual one in your case, for the pressure of the outside water is greater, owing to its standing at a higher level outside than inside the beds. Of course, if water enters the beds from below, instead of from above, it is not filtered and purified. It runs off through the effluent pipe but slightly changed from its original condition, thus in a measure nullifying the purpose of the filters.

A pipe delivering into the reservoir from the filter beds was flowing a good stream of water when I visited the locality. As no water was turned in upon the top of the filter bed, it was therefore leaking badly. It was stated to me that the other two beds likewise leaked, but the valves of the effluent pipe leading into the reservoir were shut down and the water was flowing into the waste channel and thence into the brook. Regarding repairs to prevent leakage, the first thing necessary is to discover the actual location and character of the leaks. It has been asserted that cracks exist between the outside walls and the concrete flooring. If this is a fact, then such defect can be remedied by digging down the flooring, around the inside of the bed and effectually closing up such cracks. Then, if there is still a leakage, the following course should be pursued: Starting at the outlet pipe of each bed, and digging down through the sand at both sides of the central connecting channel, at those points where the lateral drains enter it, the points will be discovered where water enters the same, when no water is turned upon the beds in the regular manner. It is assumed, of course, that the central channel is water tight against leakage from the ground below it by upward pressure. Such leakage could only be ascertained by observing the discharge at the outlet when none of the laterals leak and when no water enters it from the adjoining filter beds. Therefore it is necessary first to be sure that none of the laterals discharge any water into it.

In order to make sure of the proper condition of the laterals and of the concrete flooring, and to repair any leakage, such lateral should be dug up, starting with the one nearest the outlet and following it as far as necessary; that is, as long as any water improperly flows through it, and the source of this leakage is found and corrected. If the concrete is found to be but four inches thick and for this reason allows of leakage, there should be another layer placed upon it. The manner of repairing the cracks should reveal itself in such case. In general it may be said that it is well to cut out the cracks to a sufficient width so that a certain body of mortar, or of concrete made of small sized stones, can be pressed into the defective places. It is necessary that the old concrete should have a thoroughly wet surface; that is to say, the concrete should not absorb any more water after the new concrete or mortar has been placed upon it. The surface against which the new concrete is placed should also be thoroughly cleaned and free from loamy matter, dust or dirt, which often prevents the proper adhesion of the fresh cement. The mortar or concrete should be pressed into the cracks and trowelled down hard, so that it becomes dense and water-tight. Depending upon the width of the cracks the depth to which the new material is inserted should be at least one or two inches, or it should extend to the bottom of the flooring. The frames of some of the valves are not set tightly into the concrete and leak, which also allows unfiltered water to get into the effluent pipes. This defect should, of course, be remedied. If it is found that the water from the outside has brought through the cracks into the beds and above the concrete flooring dirt or improper material, this should, of course, be carefully removed.

It is the intention to have the purified water from the filters enter a reservoir adjoining them, and from this reservoir it is to run into two mains (12 in. and 16 in. diameter) and thence to the city. This reservoir is not finished. The original intention was to line the slope with concrete and to leave the bottom in its natural state. It is, however, admitted that the bottom should likewise be lined, because the entrance of the purified water would cause it to be made muddy, and it has therefore been proposed to line the entire reservoir. The lining can be made of concrete, brick or other material. The city engineer has recommended brick as the proper material, in which recommendation I concur on the grounds stated by him in his report of December 21, 1896. It may be added that, owing to the possibility of cracking by shrinkage, a concrete covering would be less likely to form a watertight reservoir than if there were a layer of puddling and then a brick lining. I can also endorse the city engineer's recommendation to raise the bottom about one foot so as to effect a complete emptying of the reservoir, and that the slopes be made flatter if desirable for economical reasons. I also wish to advise you to make the necessary alterations in the plans of the reservoir so as to allow it to be covered with at least a timber floor. It is a well known fact that filtered water which has originally contained organic matter, a large part of which has been converted into nitrates by filtration, does not keep as well as, for instance, unfiltered river water. The sunlight facilitates the growth of algæ, which in most cases affects it injuriously, both in appearance and taste. It is therefore customary to store spring water, ground water or filtered water in covered reservoirs. Usually the covering is made by arches or iron work, but in some instances timber covering, if properly made to keep out the sunlight and prevent the water from getting warm, will answer as well.

I am informed by the city engineer, and the data are contained in his report above mentioned, that the water contains a good deal of suspended matter at times. The experiments that have been made upon the filtration of this water, as quoted in his report, indicate that the beds may require cleaning once a week. If this is found to be too frequent than is usually necessary, then the period could be lengthened by arranging settling basins within the space now bounded by the old cofferdam and the main dam. Just how such settling basins should be arranged, however, I am not able with the data at hand just now to determine. The settling would enable a considerable proportion of the suspended matter to be removed from the water and thus allow the filter beds to operate longer before the surface layers of sand became clogged. It is not usually necessary or desirable to remove more than one or two inches from the sand at one cleaning. I am not aware that you had any apparatus under consideration for cleaning this sand when removed, or whether you intended to replace it by new sand if there was any in the neighborhood. The preference of one or the other method will depend upon the question of economy. I take the liberty of sending you a copy of a paper, which I recently contributed to the Engineering Magazine, in which some suggestions are made regarding machinery for economically cleaning the sand. Such machinery is in use in England, but I consider the improvements for the adaptation at Hamburg, Germany, to be worthy of our consideration.

The arrangement for your filter beds does not allow of the best method to be applied for preventing very finely suspended matter and bacteria at times to pass through the sand. This is due to the fact that in your case the pressure of water upon the filter beds is not constant; by its variation suspended matter is likely to be forced through the sand.

It is customary now to arrange the beds so that there will always be a constant pressure; that is, a head varying with the accumulation of silt, no matter what the delivery or rate of filtration may be. But this requires more head to be at your disposal than seems to be available in your case, at least under present conditions. Such apparatus are mentioned also in the paper above referred to. On account of the conditions now existing in your case it will be necessary to exercise more care in the supervision of the water shed than would otherwise be necessary, so that the amount of objectionable matter which enters the water will be reduced as much as practicable before it reaches the filter beds.

(Signed) RUDOLPH HERING.

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